

Proclamation

AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH



WHEREAS, Autism Spectrum Disorder is the result of a neurological disorder that can affect anyone, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender or socioeconomic background; and

WHEREAS, Autism Spectrum Disorder affects 1 in 68 children in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Males are almost 5 times more likely to be affected by Autism Spectrum Disorder than females; and

WHEREAS, Autism Spectrum Disorder is estimated to be the fastest-growing developmental disability in the United States by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring (ADDM); and

WHEREAS, Symptoms and characteristics of Autism Spectrum Disorder present themselves in a variety of combinations and can result in significant lifelong impacts of an individual's ability to learn, develop healthy interactive behaviors, and understand verbal and nonverbal communication; and

WHEREAS, Early diagnosis and intervention, as well as ongoing support from family, doctors, therapists and educators can positively impact persons with Autism Spectrum Disorder to achieve better outcomes; and

WHEREAS, Persons with Autism Spectrum Disorder should have access to appropriate services throughout their lifetime, so that they may achieve their greatest potential and lead happy and productive lives within their communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jonathan E. Groth, Mayor of the Village of Biscayne Park, Florida, joined by the entire Commission, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2023 as Autism Awareness Month in Biscayne Park and urge all citizens to join me in this special observance.



Dated this 4th of April, 2023
VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK,

Jonathan E. Groth, Mayor