

A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2017, AS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

- § 1. WHEREAS, Autism is the fastest growing developmental disability in the United States affecting more than three million people; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, Autism is a neurological disorder that interferes with the normal function of the human brain and can affect anyone regardless of ethnicity, gender, or socioeconomic background; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, symptoms and characteristics of Autism may present themselves in a variety of combinations and can result in significant lifelong impairment of an individual's ability to learn, develop healthy interactive behaviors, and understand verbal as well as nonverbal communication; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, doctors, therapists and educators can help people with Autism overcome challenges and provide early, accurate diagnosis; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, in the City of Norman there are several United Way agencies that work with adults with Autism including Council for Developmental Disabilities-Able Bodies Learning to Excel (ABLE); Among Friends; Full Circle Adult Day Care Center; and Transition House; and
- § 6. WHEREAS, Autism affects one in 68 children in the United States, and in Norman there are programs provided for Autistic children by Norman Public Schools; Autism Norman; Easter Seals; the Early Foundations Program at Northhaven Church; and the Cleveland County Health Department's Sooner Start Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA:

- § 7. Do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2017, as Autism Awareness Month in the City of Norman.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 28th day of March, 2017.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

