



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Autism Acceptance Month is observed annually in April, and intended to promote inclusion, understanding, and acceptance of individuals with autism; and

WHEREAS, autism, or Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is a neurological and developmental disability that affects social interaction, communication, behavior, and sensory processing; and

WHEREAS, autism is one of the fastest growing developmental disabilities in the United States; and

WHEREAS, according to 2025 data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1 in 31 children are diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder; and

WHEREAS, while there is no known single cause of autism, early diagnosis and intervention can connect individuals and families to resources and support that lead to significantly improved lives; and

WHEREAS, Delray Beach is honored to recognize Autism Acceptance Month and encourages a more informed and inclusive community for individuals with autism; and

WHEREAS, to promote awareness and inclusion, the City of Delray Beach will light City Hall in blue throughout the month of April; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Thomas F. Carney, Jr., Mayor of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim April as:

“Autism Acceptance Month”

in the City of Delray Beach, Florida, and urge all citizens, schools, businesses and community organizations to join in recognizing the importance of inclusion and supporting programs that serve the entire community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 7th day of April 2026.

Thomas F. Carney, Jr.
Mayor