



## Cover Memorandum/Staff Report

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**TO:** Mayor and Commissioners  
**FROM:** Samuel Metott, Director, Parks and Recreation  
**THROUGH:** Jennifer Alvarez, Interim City Manager  
**DATE:** April 6, 2021

PROCLAMATION TO DESIGNATE THE MONTH OF APRIL AS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

**Recommended Action:**

Motion to proclaim the month of April as Autism Awareness Month

**Background:**

Autism Awareness is observed annually in April and is intended to increase understanding and acceptance of people with autism. Autism Spectrum Disorder is a neurological and developmental disorder with symptoms that may present themselves in a variety of combinations, affecting communication and behavior. It is one of the fastest growing developmental disabilities in the world. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention reports that one in 54 school aged children have been identified with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Research indicates that early diagnosis, intervention and access to support services leads to positive outcomes later in life for people with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

**City Attorney Review:**

N/A

**Funding Source/Financial Impact:**

There is no financial impact.

**Timing of Request:**

N/A