



PROCLAMATION

Special Recognition of World Autism Month and World Autism Awareness Day

WHEREAS, autism affects an estimated 1 in 59 children (1 in 37 boys and 1 in 151 girls) and is a complex disorder that affects each person differently, resulting in unique strengths and challenges; and

WHEREAS, autism can cause challenges with verbal and nonverbal communication, social interaction, and repetitive behaviors, and can affect anyone, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, or socioeconomic background; and

WHEREAS, autism is often accompanied by medical conditions that impact quality of life; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive, collaborative approach will help to advance research, providing a better understanding of the many forms of autism, while strengthening advocacy efforts and ensuring access to services and resources throughout the life span; and

WHEREAS, early diagnosis and intervention tailored to individual needs can have lifelong benefits, easing the transition to adulthood and fostering greater independence; and

WHEREAS, each person and family affected by autism should have access to reliable information, supports and opportunities to live up to their greatest potential; and

WHEREAS, The City of Hudson is honored to take part in the annual observance of World Autism Month and World Autism Awareness Day to address the diverse needs of individuals and families affected by autism.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, David A. Basil, Mayor of the City of Hudson, do hereby proclaim April 2019 as **WORLD AUTISM MONTH** and April 2, 2019, as **WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY** in Hudson to increase understanding and acceptance of people with autism spectrum disorder.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF:

I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Hudson to be affixed on this 19th day of March, 2019.

David A. Basil, Mayor
City of Hudson, Ohio