



## **PROCLAMATION**

### ***Special Recognition of Autism Awareness Month and Encouraging Citizens to Make Hudson an Autism-Friendly Community***

**WHEREAS**, Autism Spectrum Disorder (“ASD”) is the fastest growing developmental disability in the United States, where over 3.5 million people live with autism as a life-long disorder; and

**WHEREAS**, in the 1970’s, the United States Congress worked with the Autism Society of America to declare April as National Autism Awareness Month; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Hudson values the inclusion of all of its citizens as a source of strength that enriches all aspects of our community’s life, including education, housing, cultural, and business opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, these aspects of a community’s life also enhance economic strengths by accepting and reflecting the unique abilities and contributions of all of its citizens and by treating everyone with respect and dignity; and

**WHEREAS**, the Autism Society of Greater Akron encourages governmental agencies at all levels, as well as businesses, private organizations, schools, and others to join in being trained to learn about the characteristics of autism and how best to support and interact with someone with an Autism Spectrum Disorder.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, David A. Basil, Mayor of the City of Hudson, do hereby proclaim April as Autism Awareness month in the City of Hudson and encourage all our citizens, businesses, and organizations to join in supporting everyone with an Autism Spectrum Disorder, thereby making Hudson an “Autism Friendly” Community.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF:**

I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Hudson to be affixed on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017.

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David A. Basil, Mayor  
City of Hudson, Ohio