



Proclamation

Autism Acceptance Month

WHEREAS, autism is the fastest growing developmental disorder in the United States; and

WHEREAS, autism, or autism spectrum disorder (ASD), refers to a broad range of conditions characterized by challenges with social skills, repetitive behaviors, speech and nonverbal communication; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 44 children are diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder and over 7 million people in the United States are on the autism spectrum; and

WHEREAS, the diagnosis rate for autism is rising by 10-17 percent each year and over the next decade, an estimated 700,000 to 1.1 million autistic teens will enter adulthood and age out of school-based services; and

WHEREAS, each April, we celebrate Autism Acceptance Month to spread awareness, promote acceptance, and ignite change; and

WHEREAS, last year, the Autism Society of America, along with leading disability organizations across the country, announced it is formally shifting references of “Autism Awareness Month” to “Autism Acceptance Month” to foster acceptance to ignite change through improved support and opportunities in education, employment, accessible housing, affordable health care and comprehensive long-term services.

WHEREAS, we commit ourselves to celebrating our differences and working to build an inclusive society where individuals with autism live fully through connection and acceptance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Gregory Mills, Mayor of the City of Brighton, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim April 2022 as Autism Acceptance Month.

DATED this 12th day of April 2022.



ATTEST:


Natalie Hoel, City Clerk

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