

## AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH

**WHEREAS**, Autism Spectrum Disorder is the result of a neurological disorder affecting more than five million Americans, regardless of their ethnic or socioeconomic background, and affects one in forty-four children in the United States; and,

**WHEREAS**, Autism Spectrum Disorder is estimated to be the fastest-growing developmental disability in the United States by the Centers for Disease Control and Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring Network; and,

**WHEREAS**, in order to improve the quality of life for people with autism and their families in our community, the City of La Habra recognizes the growing impact of autism spectrum disorders and the need for greater awareness and services; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of La Habra promotes inclusion in recreation programs by involving parents and caregivers in planning that focuses on participants' strengths, and incorporating program modifications that allow children with autism to share activities and experiences with other participants; and,

**WHEREAS**, April 2, 2022 is World Autism Awareness Day, and the City of La Habra is honored to take part in the annual observance of Autism Acceptance Month and celebrate the contributions autistic Americans have made to our families and community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of La Habra does hereby proclaim April as Autism Acceptance Month in the City of La Habra, and urges all citizens to learn more about autism to improve early diagnosis, and to build a more welcoming and inclusive community to support people with Autism.

**DATED** this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April 2022.

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Jose Medrano  
Mayor

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Attest: Laurie J. Swindell, CMC  
City Clerk