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2019 World Autism Awareness Day &
Autism Awareness Month Proclamation

WHEREAS, autism is the fastest growing developmental disability in the United States, affecting more than three million people and is an urgent public health crisis; and,

WHEREAS, autism is the result of a neurological disorder that affects the normal functioning of the human brain, and can affect anyone, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, or socioeconomic background; and,

WHEREAS, symptoms and characteristics of autism may present themselves in a variety of combinations and can result in significant lifelong impairment of an individual's ability to learn, develop healthy interactive behaviors, and understand verbal as well as nonverbal communication; and,

WHEREAS, doctors, therapists, and educators can help persons with autism overcome or adjust to its challenges and provide early, accurate diagnosis and the resulting appropriate education, intervention, and therapy that are vital to future growth and development; and,

WHEREAS, ensuring that persons living with autism have access to lifelong care and services needed to pursue the full measure of personal happiness and achieve their greatest potential; and,

WHEREAS, Waukesha is honored to take part in the annual observance of Autism Awareness Month and World Autism Awareness Day in the hope that it will lead to a better understanding of the disorder.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Shawn Reilly, Mayor of Waukesha do hereby proclaim April 2019 as **AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH** and April 2, 2019 as **WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY** in Waukesha to raise public awareness of autism and the myriad of issues surrounding autism, as well as to increase knowledge of the programs that have been and are being developed to support individuals with autism and their families.

Signed this 19th day of March, 2019

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Shawn N. Reilly, Mayor
City of Waukesha