



Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

Whereas: it is one of the privileges of the Mayor to recognize and honor significant occasions in our community; and

WHEREAS: autism affects an estimated one in every 59 children (one in every 37 boys and one in every 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. A comprehensive, collaborative approach will help to advance research, provide a better understanding of the many forms of autism, strengthen advocacy efforts and ensure access to services and resources throughout the life span; and

WHEREAS: early diagnosis and intervention can have lifelong benefits, easing the transition to adulthood and fostering greater independence. Each person and family affected by autism should have access to reliable information, support and opportunities to live up to their greatest potential; and

WHEREAS: the City of Grove City 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, Richard L. "Ike" Stage, Mayor of the City of Grove City do hereby proclaim April, 2019 as:

"WORLD AUTISM MONTH"

and April 2, 2019 as:

"WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY"

in Grove City to increase understanding and acceptance of people with autism spectrum disorder.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of Grove City, Ohio be affixed this 1st day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.

Richard L. "Ike" Stage

Richard L. "Ike" Stage, Mayor

