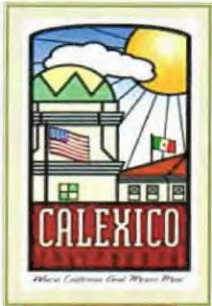


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Callexico City Council



Proclamation

National Autism Awareness Month - April 2020

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, more children are being diagnosed on the Autism Spectrum resulting in one in sixty six children at the national level being on the spectrum and the figures show that in the United States there are 1.5 million people affected and there are 1,500 families in the Imperial Valley alone affected by this disorder; and

WHEREAS, people with Autism require special services and community support to ensure that their health and security is taken care of and the families also require support because of the psychological and financial strain that comes with having a child with Autism.

WHEREAS, The United Nations General Assembly declared in unanimity April 2nd as World Autism Awareness Day in article: A/RES/62/139 in order to highlight the need for contribution to the betterment of quality of life for people with Autism so that they can live fulfilling lives as members of society.

WHEREAS, the City of Callexico proudly supports 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 Autism Spectrum Disorder, acknowledging the work of advocates, professionals and family members, and all who work to build a brighter tomorrow alongside those with Autism; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Bill Hodge, Mayor of the City of Callexico do hereby proclaim April 2020 as National Autism Awareness Month, and encourage all employees and residents to observe this date with the intent to become better educated on Autism and create a better community for people with Autism.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto affix my signature and Official Seal of the City of Callexico on the 1st day of April 2020.

Bill Hodge, Mayor