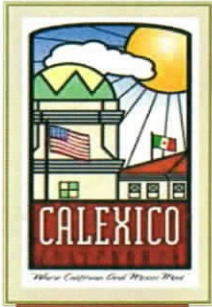


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# Callexico City Council



# Proclamation

*April 2023 as Autism Awareness Month and  
April 2, 2023 as World Autism Awareness Day”*

*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, the Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is a reality that affects millions of families every day and more children are being diagnosed, resulting in rates as high as one in forty-four children nationally with four times greater prevalence among boys than girls according to the Centers for Disease Control; and*

*WHEREAS, while our nation has made progress in supporting those with ASD we are only beginning to understand the factors behind the challenges they face; and as the effort to address Autism continues, doctors, therapists, and educators can help individuals with Autism overcome or adjust to its challenges and provide early, accurate diagnosis, appropriate education intervention, and therapy that are vital to future growth and development; and*

*WHEREAS, while our nation has made progress in supporting those with ASD we are only beginning to understand the factors behind the challenges they face; and the effort to address Autism continues; doctors, therapists, and educators can help individuals with Autism overcome or adjust to its challenges and provide early, accurate diagnosis, appropriate education intervention, and therapy that are vital to future growth and development; and*

*WHEREAS, in April we recognize those with Autism achieving and breaking down barriers and recommit to helping those on the Autism Spectrum reach their full potential at all times; and*

*WHEREAS, the City of Callexico, California proudly supports the annual observance of Autism Awareness Month and World Autism Awareness Day.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, I, Raul Ureña, Mayor of the City of Callexico hereby proclaim April 2023 as Autism Awareness Month and April 2, 2023 as World Autism Awareness Day in the City of Callexico to raise public awareness, acceptance and inclusion of those with Autism and the myriad of issues surrounding the disorder, as well as to increase knowledge of the programs that have been and are being developed to support individuals with Autism and their families*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto affix my signature and Official Seal of the City of Callexico on this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.*

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*Raul Ureña, Mayor*