



Proclamation

AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH APRIL 2023

Whereas, Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is a developmental disability that can cause significant social, communication and behavioral challenges. Autism is the fastest growing developmental disorder. There is often nothing about how people with ASD look that sets them apart from other people. The learning, thinking, and problem-solving abilities of people with ASD can range from gifted to severely challenged;

Whereas, a diagnosis of ASD now includes several conditions that used to be diagnosed separately: autistic disorder, pervasive developmental disorder not otherwise specified (PDD- NOS), and Asperger syndrome. These conditions are now all called autism spectrum disorder or ASD;

Whereas, about 1 in 68 children has been identified with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) according to estimates. More than 3.5 million Americans live with an autism spectrum disorder;

Whereas, people with ASD often have problems with social, emotional, and communication skills. They might repeat certain behaviors and might not want change in their daily activities. Many people with ASD also have different ways of learning, paying attention, or reacting to things;


Whereas, ASD can sometimes be detected at 18 months or younger. However, many children do not receive a final diagnosis until they are much older. This delay means that children with ASD might not get the early help they need; and

Whereas, during the month of April, we strive to promote autism awareness, inclusion, and self-determination for all, and assure that each person with ASD is provided an opportunity to achieve the highest possible quality of life.

Now, therefore, the San Fernando City Council does hereby proclaim the month of April 2023 as **"AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH"** in the City of San Fernando, as a symbol of our commitment to creating a culture of disability awareness and inclusion for all members of our community.




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