Proclamation



WHEREAS, autism is a complex developmental condition that affects communication, behavior, and social interactions, impacting millions of individuals and their families worldwide; and

WHEREAS, the prevalence of autism continues to rise, with research and awareness playing a vital role in ensuring early diagnosis and intervention, which can significantly improve the quality of life for those affected; and

WHEREAS, individuals with autism contribute greatly to our community, bringing unique perspectives, talents, and strengths that enhance the social and economic fabric of our city; and

WHEREAS, the City of Haines City is committed to promoting inclusion, acceptance, and understanding for individuals with autism and their families through community engagement, education, and support initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Autism Awareness Month provides an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of individuals with autism, recognize the dedication of caregivers, educators, and advocates, and encourage continued efforts toward accessibility and acceptance; and

WHEREAS, the City of Haines City joins national and global efforts in fostering a supportive and inclusive environment that empowers individuals with autism to reach their full potential;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Omar Arroyo, Mayor of the City of Haines City, do hereby proclaim April 2025 as:

"Autism Awareness Month"

in the City of Haines City and encourage all residents to learn more about autism, advocate for inclusion, and support individuals and families impacted by autism spectrum disorder.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Haines City to be affixed this 3rd day of April 2025.

Omar Arroyo, Mayor	