

**PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IMPERIAL
HONORING
AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH APRIL 2018
WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY APRIL 2, 2018**

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 rates as high as one (1) in sixty eight (68) children nationally, in which five (5) of every six (6) children are boys, the effort to address autism continues, doctors, therapists, and educators can help persons with autism overcome or adjust to its challenges and provide early, accurate diagnosis and the resulting appropriate education intervention, and therapy that are vital to future growth and development; and

WHEREAS, the County of Imperial 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, celebrating the work of advocates, professionals and family members, and all who work to build a brighter tomorrow alongside those with autism.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Imperial hereby proclaims April 2018 as Autism Awareness Month and April 2, 2018 as World Autism Awareness Day in the City of Imperial, to raise public awareness and acceptance of 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.

PROCLAIMED this 4th day of April, 2018.

*Geoff Dale, Mayor
Imperial City Council*