

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS
PROCLAMATION

**AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH
APRIL 2023**

WHEREAS, Autism Spectrum Disorder is the most common Developmental Disorder characterized by difficulties in social interactions, verbal and non-verbal communications and repetitive behaviors; and

WHEREAS, there is no cure for Autism, yet in 2021 the CDC reported one in 44 children in the US will be diagnosed, affecting one in 27 boys and one in 116 girls; and

WHEREAS, an early diagnosis and intensive treatment has demonstrated to provide positive help for appropriate communication, functioning more independently and inclusion in the family and community; and

WHEREAS, agencies that are dedicated to improve the education, communications, life skills and job opportunities, it is important to recognize Naperville School 203, Indian Prairie School 204, Little Friends, Ray Graham Association, Turning Pointe, Giant Steps, Western DuPage Special Recreation, Linden Oaks Behavioral Health, Naperville Park District, and others; and

WHEREAS, the City of Naperville is honored to work with these organizations in raising public awareness of the annual World Autism Awareness Month throughout the entire month of April.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Steve Chirico, Mayor of the City of Naperville, do hereby proclaim April 2023 as

**“World Autism Awareness Month”
In the City of Naperville**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Naperville this fifth day of April, 2023.



Steve Chirico
Mayor