

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS

# PROCLAMATION

## AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH APRIL 2026

**WHEREAS,** Autism Spectrum Disorder is one of the most common developmental disorders, characterized by challenges in social interaction, verbal and nonverbal communication, and repetitive behaviors; and

**WHEREAS,** there is no cure for autism and in 2022, the CDC reported that one in 31 children in the United States is diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder; and

**WHEREAS,** early diagnosis and intensive treatment have been shown to provide significant improvements in communication, independent functioning, and inclusion within the family and community; and

**WHEREAS,** it is important to recognize agencies that are dedicated to improving education, communication, life skills, and job opportunities, including Naperville School District 203, Indian Prairie School District 204, Little Friends, Ray Graham Association, Turning Pointe Foundation, Giant Steps, Western DuPage Special Recreation, Linden Oaks Behavioral Health, Naperville Park District, Community Access Naperville, Riverwalk Adult Recreational Services, and others; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Naperville is honored to work with these organizations to raise public awareness of World Autism Awareness Month throughout April.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Scott A. Wehrli, Mayor of the City of Naperville, do hereby proclaim April 2026 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.



Scott A. Wehrli  
Mayor

