

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS

PROCLAMATION

**AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH
APRIL 2018**

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

WHEREAS, an estimated one in 68 children born in the United States will be diagnosed with autism, affecting more than 3.5 million Americans and increasing 10-17% annually; and

WHEREAS, there is no cure for Autism, an early diagnosis and intensive treatment and training has demonstrated to provide positive help for children to appropriately communicate, function more independently and be included in the family and community; and

WHEREAS, for agencies that are dedicated to improve the education, skills, communications, life experiences and job opportunities for those with Autism, it is important that we recognize and support Naperville School District 203, Indian Prairie School District 204, Little Friends, The Ray Graham Association, Turning Pointe, Giant Steps, Western DuPage Special Recreation Association (WDSRA), Naperville Park District and others addressing Autism; 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 2018 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 third day of April, 2018.



Steve Chirico
Mayor

