

## *Proclamation* *Autism Awareness Month*

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**WHEREAS**, every person deserves the chance to reach for their highest hopes and fulfill their greatest potential. On National Autism Awareness Month, we reaffirm our dedication to ensuring that belief is a reality for all those who live on the autism spectrum -- including 1 in 31 children, up from 1 in 68 just 6 years ago. And we uphold our obligation to help make sure every man, woman, and child, regardless of ability or background, is accepted for who they are and able to lead a life free from discrimination and filled with opportunity; and

**WHEREAS**, from home to school and in businesses and communities around the nation, people living with autism spectrum disorder contribute in immeasurable ways to our society. They remind us each day that every person is born with unique talents and should be treated with respect, play an active role in planning for their futures, and feel empowered to fully participate in and contribute to their communities. When those with autism have access to equal opportunities, we all do better, and that begins with making sure our country lives up to its commitment to ensure all things are possible for all people; and

**WHEREAS**, Americans with autism play an important role in our national story, and in their daily lives they embody the belief at the heart of our founding: that in America, with hard work and equal access, all people can realize their aspirations. Today, and every day, let us reach for a future in which no person living on the autism spectrum is limited by anything but the size of their dreams -- one in which all people have the opportunity to live a life filled with a sense of identity, purpose, and self-determination; and

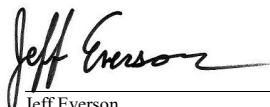
**WHEREAS**, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that it does hereby proclaim April, 2026 as National Autism Awareness Month and urge citizens and organizations to participate in activities and demonstrations that provide a special opportunity to educate the community about autism.


**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that it does hereby proclaim April, 2026 as


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**ATTEST:**

  
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Jeff Everson  
Commission Clerk

  
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Gregory Young  
President

  
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Vice-President

  
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Parliamentarian