

# Proclamation



## AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH APRIL 2019

*Whereas*, autism affects more than three million people in the United States, and

*Whereas*, autism is the result of a neurological diagnosis that affects the normal functioning of the human brain; 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 communications; and

*Whereas*, doctors, therapists, and educators can help persons with autism address the challenges they face and provide early, accurate diagnosis and the appropriate education, intervention, and therapy that are vital to future growth and development; and

*Whereas*, we must ensure that persons living with autism have access to lifelong care and services.

*Now, Therefore*, We, the City Commission of The City of North Port, Florida do hereby proclaim the month of April 2019 as:

### Autism Awareness Month

and encourage all citizens to take part in the annual observance of Autism Awareness Month in the hope that it will lead to a better understanding of the disorder.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, WE have hereunto set our hands and seal of the City of North Port, Florida, to be affixed this 23rd day of April 2019.

**ATTEST:**

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Kathryn Wong  
City Clerk

**CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA**

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Christopher Hanks, Mayor

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Debbie McDowell, Vice-Mayor

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