



Proclamation

Mayor Mitch Reynolds

City of La Crosse

WHEREAS, autism spectrum disorder affects an estimated 1 in 44 U.S. children and 1 in 45 U.S. adults and is a complex condition that affects each person differently, resulting in unique strengths and challenges; and

WHEREAS, autism can cause challenges with verbal and nonverbal communication, social interaction, and repetitive behaviors, and can affect anyone, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, or socioeconomic background; and

WHEREAS, autism is often accompanied by medical conditions that impact quality of life; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive, collaborative approach will help to advance research, providing a better understanding of the many forms of autism, strengthen advocacy efforts and ensure access to services and resources throughout the life span and across the spectrum; and

WHEREAS, early diagnosis and intervention tailored to individual needs can have lifelong benefits, easing the transition to adulthood and fostering greater independence; and,

WHEREAS, each person and family affected by autism should have access to reliable information and support; and

WHEREAS, autistic people should have opportunities to reach their full potential and the whole of society stands to benefit from this; and,

WHEREAS, the City of La Crosse is honored to take part in the annual observance of World Autism Month and World Autism Awareness Day to address the diverse needs of individuals with autism and their families.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MITCH REYNOLDS, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LA CROSSE, do hereby proclaim April 2022 as **WORLD AUTISM MONTH** and April 2nd, 2022 as **WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY** to create a kinder, more inclusive world for people with autism spectrum disorder.

Dated on this 2nd day of April in the year Two Thousand Twenty-Two.



MAYOR MITCH REYNOLDS