

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, autism is a pervasive developmental disorder affecting the social, communication and behavioral skills of those affected by it, and

WHEREAS, as more health professionals are proficient in diagnosing autism, more children are being diagnosed on the autism spectrum, resulting in rates as high as 1 in 54 children nationally, and

WHEREAS, we recognize the efforts of Hills & Dales that offers Applied Behavior Analysis Therapy, the Gold Standard and Evidence Based treatment for children and adolescents with an autism diagnosis, and

WHEREAS, while there is no cure for autism, it is well documented that if individuals with autism receive treatment early in their lives, it often is possible for those individuals to lead significantly improved lives, and

WHEREAS, individuals with autism often require a lifetime of specialized and community support services to ensure their health and safety and to support families' resilience as they manage the psychological and financial burdens autism presents, and

WHEREAS, an awareness and acceptance effort is underway to educate parents, professionals and the general public about autism and its effects.

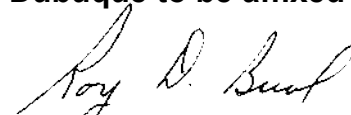
NOW THEREFORE, I, ROY BUOL, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DUBUQUE, IOWA, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY COUNCIL, STAFF AND THE CITIZENS OF DUBUQUE, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF APRIL 2021 AS:

AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH

IN THE CITY OF DUBUQUE, IOWA, AND URGE ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH ACTIVITIES, IN ORDER TO BECOME BETTER EDUCATED ON THE SUBJECT OF AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Dubuque to be affixed this 5th day of April, 2021.



Roy D. Buol, Mayor

Attest:



Adrienne N. Breitfelder, City Clerk

2021: Submitted and accepted by Laura Keehner, Autism Services Director, Hills & Dales, 1011 Davis Street, Dubuque, IA 52001, 563-556-7878, lkeehner@hillsdales.org