



City of Charles Town

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A Resolution Proclaiming April 2021 World Autism Awareness Month in Charles Town, WV

WHEREAS, autism spectrum disorder affects an estimated 1 in 54 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, while strengthening advocacy efforts and ensuring access to services and resources throughout the life span; 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 supports; and

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

WHEREAS, the City of Charles Town, West Virginia 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 BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council of Charles Town, WV do hereby proclaim April 2021 as WORLD AUTISM MONTH in Charles Town, WV to create a kinder, more inclusive world for people with autism spectrum disorder.

Adopted this 20th day of April 2021.

Attest:

Robert M. Trainor
Mayor

Daryl Hennessy
City Manager/Clerk