

Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

April 2024

Whereas:

Autism is a complex developmental disability that generally appears before the age of 3, and it is one of the fastest growing developmental disorders in the United States; and

WHEREAS:

Autism affects the normal development of the brain in the areas of communication skills, cognitive function and social interaction. Individuals with Autism generally have difficulties in communicating, both verbally and nonverbally, social interaction and leisure activities; and

WHEREAS:

about 1 in every 36 children are affected by Autism and the disability can affect anyone, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender or socioeconomic background; and

WHEREAS:

until recent years, Autism was considered to be a condition with poor prognosis. Now, research shows that early care and intervention key to helping those who are diagnosed with Autism progress towards an improved quality of life; and

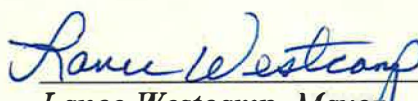
WHEREAS:

significant progress has been made in the last 30 years in the areas of research, medication, diagnosis and therapies for Autism and the effort to address Autism continue as doctors, therapists and educators help individuals with Autism and their families adjust to its challenges.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LANCE WESTCAMP, Mayor of the City of Groveport do hereby proclaim the month of April as Autism Awareness Month.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Groveport to be affixed this 8th day of April, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty Four.




Lance Westcamp, Mayor
City of Groveport