



proclamation

WHEREAS, autism spectrum disorder is the result of a group of complex neurological disorders that affects the normal functioning of the human brain and can be exhibited by anyone; and

WHEREAS, as one of the fastest-growing developmental mental disabilities in the United States, autism is an urgent public health crisis that demands support from all levels of government; and

WHEREAS, symptoms 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 and nonverbal communication; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that one in 44 school-aged children have been identified with autism spectrums disorder; and

WHEREAS, Autism affects not only the diagnosed individual, but the entire family and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, there is currently no identified cause or cure for Autism, it is known that with proper education, training, and community support, individuals with Autism can lead distinguished, productive lives and strive to reach their fullest potential.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rodney S. Craig, Village President of the Village of Hanover Park, do hereby recognize **April, 2023** as **Autism Awareness Month** in the Village of Hanover Park, and I urge all residents to become better educated on the subject of Autistic Spectrum Disorders.

Dated this 6th Day of April, 2023.

Rodney S. Craig
Mayor of the Village of Hanover Park

Kristy Merrill
Village Clerk