

City of Santa Clara

Proclamation

WHEREAS, in the United States, more than 5.4 million adults are autistic, and 1 in every 44 children had been diagnosed with autism and is often misunderstood. Autistic people face obstacles when seeking employment, health care, education, and housing; the immense contributions of people with autism are often overlooked. Autism Acceptance Month is a time to celebrate the differences of neurodiverse people everywhere and champion the equal rights and dignity of those on the autism spectrum; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 theme of Autism Acceptance Month, "Celebrate Differences" serves as a reminder to foster inclusivity and connectedness and to renew the commitment to honoring the unique perspectives of autistic people and supporting children with autism and their families so they can reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, the San Andreas Regional Center (SARC) is a community-based, private nonprofit corporation that serves people with developmental disabilities. SARC provides case management and community services for residents of Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, San Benito, and Monterey counties whose intellectual or developmental disabilities cause severe impairments in their daily lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LISA M. GILLMOR, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor, and on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2025 as

AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH

in the City of Santa Clara and recognize the significant contributions of autistic individuals within this community.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the City of Santa Clara, California, this 8TH day of April 2025.



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MAYOR, CITY OF SANTA CLARA



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