

City of Santa Clara
Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** there is no one way to be autistic, but together autistic people make our communities stronger; and
- 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
- WHEREAS,** autism is often misunderstood, and autistic people face obstacles when seeking employment, health care, education, and housing; the immense contributions of people with autism are often overlooked; and
- WHEREAS,** in 2021, Autism Awareness Month was renamed Autism Acceptance Month to foster acceptance and ignite changes; and
- WHEREAS,** 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 2024 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.

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 April 2024 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 23rd day of April 2024.

LISA M. GILLMOR
MAYOR
City of Santa Clara