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Proclamation

WHEREAS, autism is a lifelong disability, resulting in significant impairment of an individual's ability to communicate, understand social interactions, and develop appropriate interactive behaviors which affect an estimated 1 in 36 children in the United States; and

WHEREAS, there is no known single cause of autism, but increased awareness and early diagnosis lead to significantly improved outcomes; and

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

WHEREAS, with proper education, training and community support, individuals with autism can lead distinguished, productive lives in their communities and strive to reach their fullest potential;

NOW, THEREFORE, I Melani Matthews, Mayor of the City of Reading, Michigan, do hereby proclaim the month of April as:

Autism Awareness Month

in the City of Reading and encourage all citizens to become educated about autism and support local and surrounding county non-profit organizations who bring hope to all who struggle with this condition.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Reading to be affixed this 11th day of April, 2023.

Melani Matthews, Mayor

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