

City of Palm Coast, Florida Agenda Item

Agenda Date: April 21, 2026

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Department CITY ADMINISTRATION Division	Amount Org/Account #
Subject: PROCLAMATION - APRIL AS AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH	
Presenter: Mayor and City Council	
Attachments: 1. Proclamation	
Background: The City of Palm Coast would like to proclaim April as Autism Acceptance Month.	
Recommended Action: PROCLAIM APRIL 2026 AS AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH	



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, autism is a spectrum condition that affects individuals differently, encompassing a wide range of strengths, abilities, and support needs across communication, behavior, and social interaction; and

WHEREAS, autism is a lifelong developmental condition that impacts individuals and families across all communities, and current data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) indicate that approximately 1 in 31 children in the United States is identified with autism, reflecting its significant presence in our society; and

WHEREAS, individuals on the autism spectrum bring unique talents, perspectives, and contributions that enrich our community and strengthen the fabric of our society; and

WHEREAS, individuals with autism may face challenges related to access to education, employment, healthcare, and community inclusion, underscoring the need for greater awareness, acceptance, and support; and

WHEREAS, Autism Acceptance Month, observed in April, is an opportunity to promote understanding, celebrate neurodiversity, and foster a culture of belonging where all individuals are valued and respected; and

WHEREAS, Cedar Bridge Foundation is dedicated to empowering individuals with autism and other developmental differences through advocacy, life skills development, and community-based programs that promote independence, confidence, and connection; and

WHEREAS, building an inclusive community requires collaboration among families, caregivers, educators, employers, and community leaders to ensure that individuals on the autism spectrum are supported and given opportunities to thrive.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Palm Coast, Florida, that the month of April 2026 be officially designated as:

AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH

in Palm Coast and encourage all residents to recognize the strengths and contributions of individuals on the autism spectrum, promote acceptance, and support efforts that create a more inclusive and compassionate community for all.

SIGNED this 21st day of April 2026.

ATTEST:

CITY OF PALM COAST, FLORIDA

Kaley Cook, City Clerk

Michael Norris, Mayor