

PROCLAMATION

2021 World Autism Awareness Day & World Autism Month

WHEREAS, autism affects an estimated 1 in 54 children and 1 in 45 adults and is a complex disorder that affects each person differently, resulting in unique strengths and challenges; and

WHEREAS, autism can cause challenges with verbal and nonverbal communication, social interaction, and repetitive behaviors, and can affect anyone, regardless of age, race, ethnicity, gender, or socioeconomic background and is often accompanied by medical conditions that impact quality of life; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive, collaborative approach will help to advance research, providing a better understanding of the many forms of autism, while strengthening advocacy efforts and ensuring access to services and resources throughout the life span; and

WHEREAS, each person and family affected by autism should have access to reliable information, supports and opportunities to live up to their greatest potential; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Broken Arrow is honored to take part in the annual observance of World Autism Month and World Autism Awareness Day to address the diverse needs of individuals and families affected by autism;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Thurmond, Mayor, do hereby proclaim April 2021 as ***WORLD AUTISM MONTH*** and April 2, 2021 as ***WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY*** in the City of Broken Arrow.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Broken Arrow to be affixed this 2nd day of March, Two Thousand Twenty One.

Craig Thurmond, Mayor