



**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SONORA
PROCLAIMS APRIL AS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is a life-long neurological disorder ranging from mild to severe; and affects each individual in different ways; and is characterized by difficulty with social interaction, learning, language and communication, restricted patterns of interest, and repetitive and stereotypy behaviors; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) report current statistics that one (1) in fifty-nine (59) children are being diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder and is the fastest growing disability; and

WHEREAS, while there is no cure for autism, it is well documented in over 45 years of peer-reviewed studies, early and intensive therapy, intervention, and services can ameliorate symptoms and greatly improve life outcomes; and

WHEREAS, individuals with autism will require a lifetime of specialized and community support services to ensure their education, health, and safety throughout their life span; and

WHEREAS, parents and families who raise, and care for individuals diagnosed with ASD face incredible emotional, psychological, and financial hardship; and

WHEREAS, a community of public and private organizations and agencies should strive to identify, assess, and support children and adults with ASD to enable them to reach their full potential, and live as independently as possible.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Sonora does hereby proclaim the month of April to be Autism Awareness Month.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City to be affixed this 1st day of April of the year two thousand and nineteen.

Signed _____

James M. Garaventa, Mayor

Attest _____

Colette Such, City Clerk Pro-Tem

