



WHEREAS, Autism Acceptance Month is a time to recognize and celebrate the diverse experiences and contributions of individuals on the autism spectrum; and

WHEREAS, Autism is a natural variation of the human neurology, characterized by differences in social communication, sensory processing, and behavioral patterns; and

WHEREAS, embracing neurodiversity involves recognizing that every individual, regardless of their neurological differences, has inherent value and deserves respect, support, and opportunities for growth; and

WHEREAS, advocating for Autism Acceptance involves challenging stereotypes, reducing stigma, and creating environments that accommodate the diverse needs and preferences of individuals on the autism spectrum; and

WHEREAS, by fostering an inclusive society that celebrates neurodiversity, we enrich our communities, promote kindness and compassion, for a more equitable world for all; and

WHEREAS, agencies such as the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, the Autism Society of America, and the Organization for Autism Research support Autism Acceptance Month as an opportunity to spread awareness about Autism; and

WHEREAS, on Sunday, April 28, the North Texas-based nonprofit organization Kind Theory will host *Celebrating Neurodiversity* at the McKinney Cotton Mill, an event to promote understanding, acceptance, and inclusion of individuals with autism in all aspects of society.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE C. FULLER, BY THE POWER VESTED IN ME AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM APRIL 2024 AS

AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH

IN MCKINNEY, TEXAS, WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL THIS 2ND DAY OF APRIL 2024.

GEORGE C. FULLER, Mayor

ATTEST:

EMPRESS DRANE, City Secretary