

CITY OF FRESNO

Office of Councilmember Annalisa Perea

WHEREAS, *Autism Awareness Month, observed nationally each April, offers an opportunity to raise understanding, foster inclusion, and celebrate the unique strengths and perspectives of people with autism; and*

WHEREAS, *autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is a complex developmental condition that affects how individuals communicate, learn, and interact with others, with 1 in 31 children in the United States diagnosed according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention CDC (2020); and*

WHEREAS, *in Fresno County, the prevalence of autism is 13.5 per 1,000 children, highlighting the importance of local awareness, early diagnosis, and access to support services for individuals on the spectrum and their families; and*

WHEREAS, *Easterseals Central California has served as a vital resource for families across Central California, providing high-quality services and advocacy for children and adults with autism and other disabilities for over 75 years; and*

WHEREAS, *through its dedicated staff and inclusive programming, Easterseals Central California empowers individuals with autism to reach their full potential by promoting independence, inclusion, and belonging in every facet of community life; and*

WHEREAS, *we are proud to recognize organizations like Easterseals Central California for their commitment to building a more equitable and compassionate society where all individuals, regardless of ability, are celebrated and supported; and*

WHEREAS, *individuals with autism contribute in countless unique ways to the cultural, educational, and economic fabric of our city, and it is essential to promote public awareness that fosters acceptance, breaks down stigmas, and ensures access to opportunities for every person on the spectrum.*

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, *that we, Councilmember Annalisa Perea, Mayor Jerry P. Dyer, and the Fresno City Councilmembers, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2025 to be:*

“Autism Awareness Month”

in the City of Fresno.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, *we have hereunto set our hands and affixed the Great Seal of the City of Fresno, California, on this 24th day of April 2025.*

JERRY P. DYER, *Honorable Mayor*

ANNALISA PEREA, *Councilmember District 1*

MIKE KARBASSI, *Council President District 2*

MIGUEL ARIAS, *Council Vice President District 3*

TYLER MAXWELL, *Councilmember District 4*

BRANDON VANG, *Councilmember District 5*

NICK RICHARDSON, *Councilmember District 6*

NELSON ESPARZA, *Councilmember District 7*

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