

**A PROCLAMATION  
OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE CITY COUNCIL  
PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2026 AS  
AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH  
IN THE CITY OF COMMERCE**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Commerce is committed to fostering an inclusive, welcoming, and supportive community for all residents, including individuals with autism and other developmental differences; and

**WHEREAS**, April is nationally recognized as Autism Acceptance Month, a time to promote understanding, inclusion, and meaningful acceptance of individuals on the autism spectrum; and

**WHEREAS**, Autism Acceptance Month builds upon past awareness efforts by emphasizing respect, inclusion, and the celebration of neurodiversity, recognizing the unique strengths, talents, and contributions of individuals with autism; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals with autism are valued members of our community who contribute to the social, cultural, and economic vitality of the City of Commerce; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Commerce Parks and Recreation and Library Services Departments proudly support inclusive programming by offering adaptive recreation opportunities, including swimming lessons, access to recreational sports, and inclusive library resources and programs that serve individuals of all abilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Commerce continues to promote accessibility and inclusion through initiatives such as Calming Zones at community events, providing supportive, low-stimulation environments for individuals with sensory sensitivities and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Commerce has illuminated City Hall in blue in recognition of Autism Acceptance Month, symbolizing support, inclusion, and solidarity with individuals with autism and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, fostering acceptance and understanding helps build stronger, more compassionate communities where all individuals are respected, supported, and empowered to thrive;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Commerce do hereby proclaim the month of April 2026 as

**“AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH”**

in the City of Commerce, and encourage all residents to join in promoting acceptance, inclusion, and appreciation of individuals with autism, while recognizing the importance of creating opportunities that allow all members of our community to participate fully and equally.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** this 14th day of April 2026.

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Kevin Lainez  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk