

**A Proclamation of the City Council
of the City of Commerce Designating the
Month of April 2017 as
AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH**

Whereas, autism has gained national attention through organizations like Autism Speaks, who work to inform the public about autism and the resources available for families; and,

Whereas, more than 3.5 million Americans live with an autism spectrum disorder and the prevalence of autism in U.S. children increased by 119.4 percent from 2000 (1 in 150) to 2010 (1 in 68). Autism is the fastest-growing developmental disability; and,

Whereas, autism was added as a special education exceptionality in 1991 and is now the sixth most commonly classified disability in the United States; and,

Whereas, autism is a spectrum disorder that ranges from mild to severe. The Commerce Public Library is here to provide information and educational resources for its community on a variety of topics, including autism. Parents and families can come to the library and read through the many resources available about this subject; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ivan Altamirano, as the Mayor of the City of Commerce, California, do hereby declare on this 17th day of April 2017 that the month of April 2017, is officially designated as the observance of "Autism Awareness" in the City of Commerce and I encourage all residents to visit their local Commerce Public Library branch to use the many resources available about the subject of autism.

Signed this 17th day of April, 2017.

Ivan Altamirano
Mayor

ATTEST:

Lena Shumway
City Clerk