

**A Proclamation of the City Council  
of the City of Commerce Designating the  
Month of April 2018 as  
AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH**

**Whereas**, more than 3.5 million Americans are living with an autism spectrum disorder which ranges from mild to severe; and

**Whereas**, autism is the fastest-growing developmental condition, with the prevalence of autism in U.S. children increased by 119.4 percent from 2000 (1 in 150) to 2010 (1 in 68);

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

**Whereas**, the City of Commerce, via the Special Needs Commission and Commerce Public Library, is committed to providing resources and support to all children, adults, and their families who are affected by autism spectrum disorder:

***NOW, THEREFORE, I, Oralia Y. Rebollo, as the Mayor of the City of Commerce, California, do hereby declare on this 3rd day of April 2018 that the month of April 2018, 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 and to attend the Special Needs Commission meetings.***

Signed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2018.

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Oralia Y. Rebollo  
Mayor

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Lena Shumway  
City Clerk