



**El Paso County
Agenda Item Details**

Item Title: County Judge's Office - Resolution recognizing April as "Autism Acceptance Month"

Submitted By: Ricardo A. Samaniego, County Judge

Department: County Judge's Office

Department Phone Number: 915-273-3591

Subject: Approve and adopt a resolution recognizing the month of April as, "Autism Acceptance Month" in El Paso County, Texas.

Background: There are many organizations in El Paso that bring awareness to Autism by providing support and education to the community. These organizations consist of Angel's Mission, Paso del Norte Children, and Autism Hope El Paso Inc.

Estimated Time Needed For This Item:



EL PASO COUNTY
STATE OF TEXAS



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, 1 in 36 children are affected by autism in the United States, a life-long developmental disability that impacts communication and social interactions. Autism may include repetitive activities and behaviors, resistance to changes in the environment and daily routines, and sensory sensitivities, and while there is no known single cause, it is well documented that if individuals with autism receive an early diagnosis, intervention, and appropriate education, it is often possible for those individuals to transition to greater independence; and,

WHEREAS, There are many organizations in El Paso that bring awareness to autism by providing support and education to the community; and,

WHEREAS, Angel's Mission works for integration through inclusion, providing resources and education that empower the families of people with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD), autism, and other disabilities; and,

WHEREAS, Paso del Norte Children's is committed to ensuring children with special needs reach their full potential by offering a comprehensive suite of programs tailored for children with autism, language delays, hearing loss, and other developmental challenges; and

WHEREAS, Autism Hope El Paso Inc. works to educate the public about autism and strengthen advocacy efforts by spreading reliable information, understanding, and acceptance for all autistic individuals; and,

WHEREAS, The Autism Society of El Paso County is committed to empowering the autism community and promoting inclusion for all; and,

WHEREAS, Autism awareness tells us about autism as a condition, autism acceptance celebrates the strengths, abilities, and contributions those on the autistic spectrum contribute to society. Through understanding, education, and advocacy, together we make our community a stronger one, where those with autism are able to not only live as they are but flourish.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the El Paso County Judge and Commissioners Court do hereby recognize the month of April as:

“Autism Acceptance Month”

SIGNED, this 7th day of April 2025

Commissioner Jackie Butler, Pct. 1

Commissioner David C. Stout, Pct. 2

Commissioner Iliana Holguin, Pct. 3

Commissioner Sergio Coronado, Pct. 4

County Judge Ricardo A. Samaniego