



Proclamation No. 2018-3

PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 2

“World Autism Awareness Day”

AND THE MONTH OF APRIL

“Autism Awareness Month”

SUMMIT COUNTY, UTAH

Whereas, we believe all residents of Summit County deserve the opportunity to realize their potential and fulfill their dreams. On April 2 – **World Autism Awareness Day**, and throughout the month of April – **Autism Awareness Month**, Summit County affirms our dedication to supporting our citizens living on the autism spectrum. We also recognize the outstanding work done by our community members who nurture and support those living with autism, including parents, family members, guardians, educators, health care providers, and volunteers.

Whereas, Autism Spectrum Disorder is a complex developmental disability, affecting a person’s ability to communicate and interact with others. In 2016, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued a report concluding that autism affects 1 in 68 births in the United States, and almost 1 in 54 boys. The State of Utah has the third highest diagnosed rate of Autism Spectrum Disorder in the nation.

Whereas, community members living with autism play an important role in our community. With this Proclamation we reaffirm our belief these individuals have the right to the same opportunities as all of our citizens to work hard, reach their full potential, and realize their dreams.

Whereas, as the effort to address autism continues, doctors, therapists, and educators can help persons with autism overcome or adjust to its challenges, and can provide early, accurate diagnosis and the resulting appropriate education, intervention, and therapy that are vital to future growth and development; and

Whereas, Summit County is honored to take part in the annual observance of World Autism Awareness Day and Autism Awareness Month in the hope that it will lead to a better understanding of the disorder.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Summit County Council hereby proclaims April 2, 2018 as World Autism Awareness Day and April 2018 as Autism Awareness Month in Summit County, UT to raise public awareness of autism and the myriad of issues surrounding autism, as well as to increase knowledge of the programs available to support individuals with autism and their families. And we reaffirm our obligation to help make sure every man, woman, and child, regardless of ability or background, is accepted for who they are and able to lead a life free from discrimination and filled with opportunity.

ATTEST:

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 28th day of March, 2018.

SUMMIT COUNTY COUNCIL

SUMMIT COUNTY, UTAH

Kent Jones, County Clerk

By: _____

Kim Carson, Chair