



STATE OF OKLAHOMA

## Proclamation

*Whereas*, autism affects an estimated **1** in 54 children and **1** in 45 adults and is a complex disorder that affects each person differently, resulting in unique strengths and challenges; and

*Whereas*, autism can cause challenges with verbal and nonverbal communication, social interaction, and repetitive behaviors, and can affect anyone, regardless of age, race, ethnicity, gender, or socioeconomic background; and

*Whereas*, autism is often accompanied by medical conditions that impact quality of life; and

*Whereas*, a comprehensive, collaborative approach will help to advance research, providing a better understanding of the many forms of autism, while strengthening advocacy efforts and ensuring access to services and resources throughout the life span; and

*Whereas*, early diagnosis and intervention tailored to individual needs can have lifelong benefits, easing the transition to adulthood and fostering greater independence; and

*Whereas*, each person and family affected by autism should have access to reliable information, support and opportunities to live up to their greatest potential; and

*Whereas*, the City of Del City is honored to take part in the annual observance of World Autism Month and World Autism Awareness Day to address the diverse needs of individuals and families affected by autism.

*Now, Therefore, I*, Floyd Eason, Mayor of the City of Del City, Oklahoma, hereby proclaim April 2021 as **AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH** and April 2, 2021 as **AUTISM AWARENESS DAY** in the City of Del City to increase understanding and acceptance of people with autism spectrum disorder.

*In Witness Whereof* I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Del City to be affixed hereto this 5th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-one.

Floyd A. Eason, Mayor