CITY OF WEST ALLIS RESOLUTION R-2021-0215

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE APRIL AS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, autism is a developmental disability characterized by atypical development in socialization, communication and behavior; and

WHEREAS, the symptoms of autism typically are present before age three years and often are accompanied by abnormalities in cognitive functioning, learning, attention and sensory processing; and

WHEREAS, autism affects one in every 59 children in the United States; and

WHEREAS, autism is four times more likely to occur in boys than in girls; and

WHEREAS, autism can affect anyone, regardless of race, ethnicity or other factors; and

WHEREAS, the parents and relatives of individuals with autism are commended for their sacrifice and dedication in providing for the special needs of individuals with autism; and

WHEREAS, the need for early intervention services begins soon after a child has been diagnosed with autism, because early intervention significantly improves the outcome for people with autism and can reduce the level of funding and services needed to treat people with autism later in life; and

WHEREAS, the importance of worker training programs that are tailored to the needs of developmentally disabled persons, including those with autism, and note that people with autism can be, and are, productive members of the workforce if they are given appropriate support, training and early intervention services; and

WHEREAS, ,the 110th Congress passed resolution H. Con. Res. 303 on February 25, 2008, recognizing the importance of autism awareness, of the need to support individuals with autism and the family members, teachers, physicians, and other professionals who care for individuals with autism; and

WHEREAS, individuals with autism, like all other Americans, should have the opportunity to realize their ambitions and lead rewarding lives;

NOW THEREFORE, the common council of the City of West Allis recognizes April as Autism Awareness Month and declares its support for all individuals living with autism as well as their friends and families.

SECTION 1: <u>ADOPTION</u> "R-2021-0215" of the City Of West Allis Municipal Resolutions is hereby *added* as follows:

ADOPTION

R-2021-0215(Added)

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF WEST ALLIS COUNCIL APRIL 07, 2021.

	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Ald. Angelito Tenorio	X			
Ald. Vince Vitale	X			
Ald. Tracy Stefanski	X			
Ald. Marty Weigel			X	
Ald. Suzzette Grisham	X			
Ald. Danna Kuehn	X			
Ald. Thomas Lajsic	X			
Ald. Dan Roadt	X			
Ald. Rosalie Reinke	X			
Ald. Kevin Haass	X			

Attest Presiding Officer

Rebecca Grill, City Clerk, City Of West Allis

Dan Devine, Mayor City Of West Allis

