



Proclaiming April 2023 as  
Autism Acceptance Month

**Whereas**, the diagnosis of Autism is a life-changing event for all families, and Autism now affects one in forty-four children, and is reported to occur in all racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic groups according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention; and

**Whereas**, the Ventura County chapter of the Autism Society (ASVC) was established in 1994 by local parents, educators, and professionals to help support newly-diagnosed families and develop needed local resources; and this year the chapter celebrates its twenty ninth anniversary of providing excellent services to approximately 20,000 individuals, families and caregivers affected by Autism in the Ventura County; and

**Whereas**, the Autism Society of Ventura County promotes education, advocacy, research, public awareness, and collaboration with other agencies so that all individuals within the autism spectrum and their families can be fully included members of the community; and

**Whereas**, April 2023 is designated as National Autism Acceptance Month, and April 30th, 2023 marks the eleventh annual "Aut2Run" charity race and resource fair, which draws three thousand participants in an effort to increase community awareness and understanding of Autism;

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved**, that the Ventura County Board of Supervisors takes great pleasure in proclaiming April 2023 as National Autism Acceptance Month, and recognizes twenty nine years of service by the Autism Society Ventura County to fulfill its mission to help and improve the lives of all affected by Autism.

Presented on this Eleventh Day of April 2023

Chair of the Board of Supervisors  
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