

CITY OF SPOKANE



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, autism is one of the fastest-growing developmental disabilities, with prevalence rates exceeding those of diabetes, childhood cancer, cystic fibrosis, cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, and Down syndrome combined. While autism is not a disease, individuals and families face significant day-to-day challenges in their homes, schools, workplaces, and communities, with barriers to diagnosis, treatment, and support still prevalent; and

WHEREAS, autism is a lifelong neurodevelopmental condition affecting an estimated 1 in 36 children in the United States, including 1 in 22 boys and 1 in 88 girls, across all racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic backgrounds. It impacts communication, social interaction, and sensory processing in diverse ways, affecting the ability to form relationships, express needs, engage in play, and fully participate in society. For every individual diagnosed with autism, countless family members, friends, educators, and community members are also impacted, requiring a responsive and inclusive community effort to provide meaningful support and opportunities for all individuals to thrive; and

WHEREAS, Northwest Autism Center stands alongside Autism Society of Washington, The Isaac Foundation, and other local community organizations, families, service providers, educators, and advocates in working toward a future where all autistic individuals—of every age and ability—have access to the resources, understanding, and inclusion they deserve:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lisa Brown, Mayor of the City of Spokane, on behalf of the people of Spokane, do hereby proclaim April 2025 as

AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

in Spokane and encourage all residents to recognize and join hands improving the quality of life of people with autism spectrum disorders.

I, Lisa Brown, Mayor of Spokane,
do hereunto set my hand and
cause the seal of the City of Spokane
to be affixed this
1st day of April 2025.

Lisa Brown

Lisa Brown
Mayor

