

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-044

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH DECLARING THE MONTH OF APRIL "AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE CITY OF HIALEAH AND ADOPTING THE MOTTO: "AUTISM IS NOT A DISABILITY; IT IS A DIFFERENT ABILITY"; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Hialeah is a community of compassionate, loving, and charitable residents, and a wonderful place to live; and

WHEREAS, autism is a developmental disorder of variable severity that is characterized by difficulties in social interaction, in communication, and in restricted or repetitive patterns of thought and behavior, requiring greater recognition and understanding to ensure that all individuals living with it are understood as persons fully capable of functioning and contributing to our society; and

WHEREAS, autism should not and does not preclude one living a fulfilling life with the proper care; and

WHEREAS, yet, people with autism are often subject to stigma and discrimination, and shunned from engaging and participating in their communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hialeah recognizes the stigma of children and adults with autism, and their contributions to society, and hereby expresses admiration for them by declaring that "Autism is not a Disability, it is a Different Ability"; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of this Resolution, the City of Hialeah commits to coordinating, facilitating, and sponsoring charitable programs, to enhance the public's understanding of autism, and encourage interaction between children and adults with autism and the community at large, to come together to help foster inclusion, and a welcoming attitude towards the autistic such that their "different abilities" do not result in discrimination, but rather, a mindset where dignity, respect, and the individual ability of all of us is the star that guides and leads all of us to a more inclusive, welcoming, and open society.

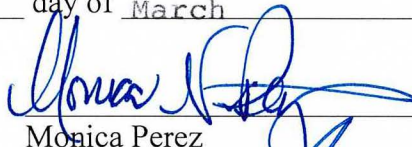
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1: The foregoing facts and recitations contained in the preamble to this Resolution are hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2: The Mayor and the City Council hereby declare the month of April as “Autism Awareness Month” in the City of Hialeah and adopting the Motto: “Autism is not a Disability; it is a Different Ability”.

Section 3: This resolution shall become effective upon signature of the Mayor of the City of Hialeah, Florida or at the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting, if the Mayor's signature is withheld or if the City Council overrides the Mayor's veto.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 22 day of March, 2022.



Monica Perez
Council Vice-President

Attest:



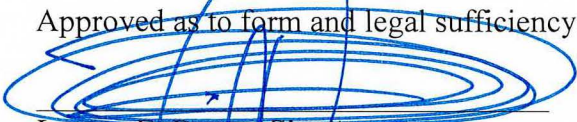
Marbelys Fatjo, City Clerk

Approved on this 7 day of April, 2022.



Mayor Esteban Bovo, Jr.

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:



Lorena E. Bravo, City Attorney

Resolution was adopted by 6-0-1 vote with Councilmembers Calvo, Casáls-Muñoz, Garcia-Roves, Perez, Rodriguez, and Tundidor voting “Yes” and with Council President Zogby absent.