

City of Vancouver, Washington

Proclamation

- WHEREAS, autism is a naturally occurring neurodevelopmental condition that is present from birth and affects the way individuals communicate, process information, and experience the world; and
- WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate that autism affects approximately 1 in 36 children, with millions of autistic youth and adults in the United States, including thousands in Southwest Washington; and
- WHEREAS, autistic individuals thrive when provided with access to inclusive education, equitable support, meaningful opportunities, and full acceptance within society; and
- WHEREAS, through research, training, advocacy, support groups, and increased empowerment for autistic youth, adults, and families, Vancouver strives to be a welcoming and supportive community for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anne McEnerny-Ogle, Mayor of Vancouver, Washington, do hereby proclaim the month of April as:

“ Autism Acceptance Month ”

in the City of Vancouver, and encourage all community members to embrace autism acceptance, promote inclusion, and celebrate the contributions of autistic individuals and their families.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Vancouver to be affixed this 14th day of April 2025.

Anne McEnerny-Ogle

ANNE McENERNY-OGLE, MAYOR