



City Council

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## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is a developmental difference that affects individuals across all communities and backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, Autism Awareness & Acceptance Month is observed nationally in April to promote understanding, inclusion, and equitable opportunities for individuals who are neurodivergent; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lafayette is committed to fostering a welcoming and inclusive community that values diversity and the varied life experiences of its residents; and

WHEREAS, The Social Connection is a Lafayette-based community-integrated program that supports neurodivergent adults in building independence, employment readiness, leadership skills, and meaningful community engagement; and

WHEREAS, The Social Connection partners with local Lafayette businesses and organizations to promote volunteerism, employment pathways, and civic participation for neurodivergent adults; and

WHEREAS, the members of The Social Connection actively contribute to the vitality of Lafayette through service, creativity, entrepreneurship, and community presence; and

WHEREAS, recognizing Autism Awareness & Acceptance Month provides an opportunity to celebrate the strengths, talents, and contributions of neurodivergent individuals and to affirm Lafayette's commitment to inclusion;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Lafayette does hereby recognize April 2026 as **Autism Awareness & Acceptance Month** in the City of Lafayette, and commends **The Social Connection** for its commitment to serving neurodivergent adults and strengthening the community through inclusion and engagement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Lafayette encourages all resident to deepen their understanding of autism and neurodiversity, celebrate the contributions of neurodivergent individuals, and continue fostering a welcoming and inclusive community for everyone.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2026.

  
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Carl Anduri, Mayor

