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Proclamation to Recognize April 2023 as Autism Awareness Month

### **April 2023 as Autism Awareness Month**

**WHEREAS**, autism is a developmental disability characterized by atypical development in socialization, communication and behavior; and

**WHEREAS**, the symptoms of autism typically are present before age three years and often are accompanied by abnormalities in cognitive functioning, learning, attention and sensory processing; and

**WHEREAS**, autism affects one in every 59 children in the United States and can affect anyone, regardless of race, ethnicity, or other factors; and

**WHEREAS**, the parents and relatives of individuals with autism are commended for their sacrifice and dedication in providing for the special needs of individuals with autism; and

**WHEREAS**, worker training programs that are tailored to the needs of autistic individuals are vital, as people with autism can be, and are, productive members of the workforce when given appropriate support, training and early intervention services; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. House and Senate passed resolution H. Con. Res. 303 on February 25, 2008, recognizing the importance of autism awareness, of the need to support individuals with autism and the family members, teachers, physicians, and other professionals who care for individuals with autism; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals with autism, like all others, should have the opportunity to realize their ambitions and lead rewarding lives.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I Juan González III, Mayor of the City of San Leandro, do hereby proclaim April 2023 as “**Autism Awareness Month**” in San Leandro as a symbol of our commitment to creating a culture of disability awareness and inclusion for all members of our community.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of San Leandro to be affixed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April 2023.