



# *Proclamation*

## Autism Acceptance Month

April 2025

**WHEREAS**, autism is a complex developmental condition that typically appears during early childhood and affects a person's ability to communicate, interact with others, and process sensory information; and

**WHEREAS**, autism is a spectrum disorder, meaning that individuals with autism can experience a wide range of abilities and challenges that are unique to each person; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tolleson recognizes and celebrates the valuable contributions made by autistic individuals across all areas of life, including education, employment, arts, science, and community leadership; and

**WHEREAS**, Autism Acceptance Month, celebrated each April, is a time to promote inclusion, celebrate neurodiversity, and continue our commitment to ensuring that individuals with autism have equal access to opportunities and support; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tolleson supports the movement from autism awareness to autism acceptance, recognizing that acceptance is often the first step to inclusion and meaningful change; and

**WHEREAS**, our community stands in solidarity with autistic individuals, their families, caregivers, educators, and advocates who work tirelessly to create a more inclusive and understanding society; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tolleson encourages residents to learn more about autism, embrace the diversity of minds and experiences, and foster an environment where everyone can thrive.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Juan F. Rodriguez, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tolleson, Arizona, do hereby proclaim April 2025 as Autism Acceptance Month in the City of Tolleson, and urge all residents to join in supporting an inclusive community that values the unique perspectives and contributions of individuals with autism.



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Juan F. Rodriguez, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Crystal Zamora, City Clerk