



Office of the City Commission

### Proclamation

WHEREAS, autism, or autism spectrum disorder (ASD), refers to a broad range of conditions characterized by challenges with social skills, repetitive behaviors, speech and nonverbal communication; and

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

WHEREAS, autism affects one in every 36 children in the United States; and

WHEREAS, autism is four times more likely to occur in boys than girls; and

WHEREAS, autism can affect anyone, regardless of race, ethnicity or other factors; and

WHEREAS, every child or adult with autism has unique strengths and challenges, so there is no one size fits all approach to autism treatment and intervention; and

WHEREAS, early detection is crucial to improving the quality of life of those with ASD, as timely intervention can significantly improve long-term outcomes; and

WHEREAS, identifying signs of autism at the onset allows parents and healthcare providers to implement therapies and support strategies which can enhance communication and social skills; and

WHEREAS, the Autism Society has established April as Autism Awareness Month, and we recognize those with ASD who are achieving and breaking down barriers, and we strive to promote acceptance; and

WHEREAS, during Autism Awareness Month, we recommit to helping individuals on the autism spectrum reach their full potential.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James Curran, Mayor of the City of Cooper City, Broward County, Florida, and the City Commission, do hereby proclaim April 2025 as:

#### Autism Awareness Month

and extend our unending support to those living with autism spectrum disorder and promote autism awareness and acceptance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great Seal of the City of Cooper City, Broward County, Florida, to be affixed on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 2025.



*James Curran*  
JAMES CURRAN  
Mayor, City of Cooper City