

Office of the Mayor  
The City of Coral Gables

Proclamation

*WHEREAS, Autism Spectrum Disorder is the result of a neurological disorder that can affect anyone, regardless of one's race, ethnicity, gender, or socioeconomic background; and*

*WHEREAS, Autism Spectrum Disorder affects 1 in 54 children in the United States; and*

*WHEREAS, Autism Spectrum Disorder is estimated to be the fastest growing developmental disability in the United States of America, according to The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring (ADDM); and*

*WHEREAS, symptoms and characteristics of Autism Spectrum Disorder is evident in a variety of combinations, and can result in significant lifelong impacts, including affecting an individual's ability to learn, develop healthy interactive behaviors, and understand verbal and nonverbal communication; and*

*WHEREAS, early diagnosis and intervention, as well as ongoing support from family, doctors, therapists and educators can positively impact persons living with Autism Spectrum Disorder to achieve better outcomes; and*

*WHEREAS, persons with Autism Spectrum Disorder should have access to appropriate services throughout their lifetime, so that they may achieve their greatest potential and lead happy and productive lives within their communities;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, RAUL VALDES-FAULI, as Mayor of the City of Coral Gables, along with the members of our City Commission, do hereby proclaim April 2021 as:*

**“WORLD AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH IN CORAL GABLES”**

*IN OBSERVANCE THEREOF, I hereby encourage the residents of our “City Beautiful” to join me in our continual effort aimed at inspiring compassion, empowerment and hope for those afflicted with autism, along with their families and caregivers, alike.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of Coral Gables to be affixed on this twenty-third day of March, A.D., 2021.*

*Raul Valdes-Fauli*  
Mayor

*Vince Lago*  
Vice Mayor

*Jorge L. Fors, Jr.*  
Commissioner

*Patricia Keon*  
Commissioner

*Michael Mena*  
Commissioner