

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, autism is a lifelong neurological disorder with current statistics of one in forty-four children being diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder; and

WHEREAS, autism affects each individual in different ways and can range from very mild to severe, knows no racial, ethnic or social boundaries, and affects young and old alike; and

WHEREAS, our understanding of autism has grown tremendously since it was first diagnosed, and while there is no known cure for autism, accurate, early diagnosis and the resulting appropriate education and intervention are vital to the future growth and development of the individual; and

WHEREAS, hope lies in a broad spectrum of treatments, and in an informed public and a community committed to providing support and service to individuals diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorders; and

WHEREAS, the Autism Society of Alabama remains committed to their mission and to educating families, professionals, and the general public to better understand this lifelong disorder.

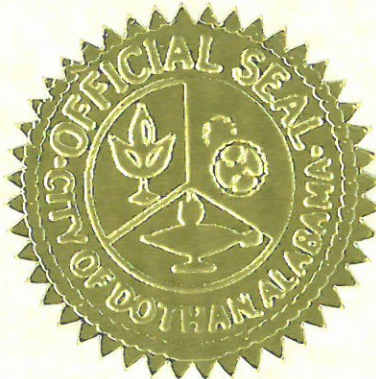
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Saliba, Mayor of the City of Dothan, and in such capacity, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2023, as

"AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH"

in the City of Dothan.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Dothan to be affixed the 4th day of April, 2023.

SEAL



Mark Saliba
Mayor

Attest:

Wendy Shiver
City Clerk