

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS  
AGENDA ITEM  
AGENDA SUMMARY FORM**

**DEPARTMENT:** Mayor and Council

**AGENDA DATE:** 04/13/2021

**CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER:**

Rep. Isabel Salcido, 915-212-0005

**DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED:** All

**STRATEGIC GOAL:** Goal 8 - Nurture and Promote a Healthy, Sustainable Community

**SUBJECT:**

**APPROVE a resolution / ordinance / lease to do what? OR AUTHORIZE the City Manager to do what? Be descriptive of what we want Council to approve. Include \$ amount if applicable.**

Discussion and action on a Resolution recognizing April 2021 as National Autism Awareness Month

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:**

**Discussion of the what, why, where, when, and how to enable Council to have reasonably complete description of the contemplated action. This should include attachment of bid tabulation, or ordinance or resolution if appropriate. What are the benefits to the City of this action? What are the citizen concerns?**

N/A

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:**

**Has the Council previously considered this item or a closely related one?**

N/A

**AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

**How will this item be funded? Has the item been budgeted? If so, identify funding source by account numbers and description of account. Does it require a budget transfer?**

N/A

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\*\*\*\*\*REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION\*\*\*\*\*

## **RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL AS NATIONAL AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, April is National Autism Awareness Month and provides an opportunity to highlight the importance of support for research, early intervention, timely diagnosis, and appropriate treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, according to estimates from the CDC, about 1 in 54 children has been identified with autism spectrum disorder (ASD), a developmental disability that can cause significant social, communication and behavioral challenges; and

**WHEREAS**, there is often nothing about how people with ASD look that sets them apart from other people, but people with ASD may communicate, interact, behave, and learn in ways that are different from most other people; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important to know that ASD does not require a cure, and the reason for this awareness is not to help raise funds to "cure" autism but rather to diagnose young children and provide them with the resources they need; and

**WHEREAS**, children with ASD should not be left out of activities just because they have differing social skills and intellectual abilities, and

**WHEREAS**, schools everywhere should promote inclusion of all children within the educational environment because developing children should be able to interact with children with any disorder or disability and vice versa; and

**WHEREAS**, the families of people with ASD in the City of El Paso live this disability with courage.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO THAT:**

The City of El Paso recognizes the month of April 2021 as National Autism Awareness Month.

**APPROVED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

**THE CITY OF EL PASO:**

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Oscar Leaser  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Laura D. Prine  
City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**



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Roberta A. Brito  
Assistant City Attorney