



STAFF REPORT

AGENDA NO: 8h

MEETING DATE: April 15, 2019

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council

Date: April 15, 2019

From: Councilmember Brownrigg

Subject: Approval of a Proclamation Recognizing April as Autism Awareness Month

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council review the below memorandum from Councilmember Brownrigg and approve of the proclamation recognizing April as Autism Awareness Month.

MEMORANDUM FROM COUNCILMEMBER BROWNRIGG

Nearly a quarter century ago, the Autism Society launched a nationwide effort to promote autism awareness, inclusion, and self-determination for all, and assure that each person with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is provided the opportunity to achieve the highest possible quality of life. April was designated as National Autism Awareness Month.

The Society's goal this year is to go beyond simply promoting autism awareness to encouraging friends and collaborators to become partners in movement toward acceptance and appreciation. We have long promoted services and programming that support individuals living with autism. But it is time to focus on the rest of us – ensuring acceptance and inclusion in schools and communities that results in true appreciation of and respect for the unique aspects of all people.

The attached proclamation declares Burlingame's desire to be part of these efforts. It reflects current facts on the ground – as provided by San Mateo County – and aspirational goals.

Exhibit:

- Proclamation