

VILLAGE OF BARTLETT PROCLAMATION

Designating April as Autism Awareness Month

WHEREAS, Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is a complex, lifelong developmental condition that typically appears during early childhood and can impact a person's social skills, communication, and self-regulation; and

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), approximately 1 in 31 children aged 8 years in the year 2022 in the United States is identified with autism spectrum disorder, and three times more common among boys than girls, highlighting the importance of early screening and intervention; and

WHEREAS, autism affects a diverse group of individuals, and while there is no known single cause, early diagnosis and access to appropriate support services and therapies can significantly improve outcomes and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, our community is made stronger by the unique talents, perspectives, and contributions of individuals on the autism spectrum, who deserve to live in a world where they are fully included and valued; and

WHEREAS, the goal of this month is not only to raise awareness but to foster true acceptance, ensuring that all residents with autism have the opportunity to lead fulfilling, independent lives and reach their greatest potential; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the dedication of the families, educators, and advocates who work tirelessly to provide support and create an environment of understanding and belonging.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Daniel H. Gunsteen, President of the Village of Bartlett, of Cook, DuPage, and Kane Counties, do hereby proclaim April as Autism Awareness Month in the Village of Bartlett and encourage all residents to learn more about autism and to join in our efforts to build a more inclusive and supportive community for everyone.

Dated this 7th Day of April



A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Daniel H. Gunsteen".

Daniel H. Gunsteen, Village President