

Proclamation

Office of the Mayor

AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH

WHEREAS, Autism Acceptance Month recognizes that Autism is more than a diagnosis, it is identity, community, and a lived experience that encompasses both challenges and triumphs; and

WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) estimates that 1 in every 36 children in the United States are among the more than 6 million Americans living with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD); and

WHEREAS, early diagnosis and treatment are essential for those affected by ASD, the average age of autism diagnosis in the America is 5 years old, and boys are 4 times more likely to be diagnosed with autism than girls; and

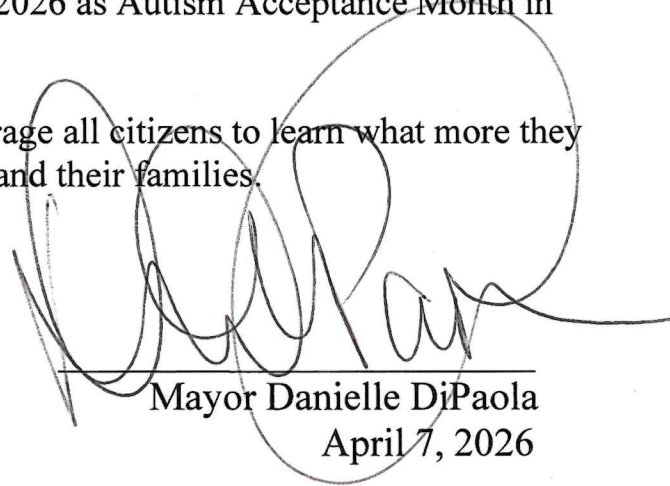
WHEREAS, in the United States of America, 74% of students with autism who receive special education graduate high school with a diploma; and

WHEREAS, Autism is a reality that affects millions of families every day, and while our nation has made progress in supporting those with ASD, we are only beginning to understand the factors behind the challenges they face every day; and

WHEREAS, during Autism Acceptance Month, we recommit to helping individuals on the autism spectrum reach their full potential as each person should have the opportunity to live full, independent lives and follow their talents wherever they lead; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Danielle DiPaola, Mayor of the Borough of Emerson, on behalf of Governing Body, do hereby proclaim April 2026 as Autism Acceptance Month in the Borough of Emerson; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that I encourage all citizens to learn what more they can do to support individuals on the autism spectrum and their families.



Mayor Danielle DiPaola
April 7, 2026