

City of Isle of Palms, South Carolina Proclamation 2024-07 To Proclaim April as Autism Awareness Month

WHEREAS, Autism is a lifelong neurological disorder with current statistics bringing it to one in thirty-six children being diagnosed with 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 in the State of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, our understanding of Autism has grown tremendously since it was first diagnosed, there is no known cure for Autism. Accurate, early diagnoses and resulting appropriate education and intervention are vital to be the future growth and development of the individual; and

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

WHEREAS, Just Bee and its members remain committed to their mission and to be educating families, professionals, and the general public to better understand this lifelong disorder; and

WHEREAS, we join with Just Bee and its members, in proclaiming every April, as Autism Awareness Month; and becoming an Autism-Friendly city by working in conjunction with Just Bee and future organization to further educate our citizens, first responders, educators and governing official of the signs, symptoms, and best practices for those individuals; and

WHEREAS, advocate for Autistic individuals openly by including them in any and all public events and shall henceforth welcome those individuals in our community proudly.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Isle of Palms City Council do hereby proclaim April, hereby as Autism Awareness Month and the City of Isle of Palms, an Autism-Friendly and welcome any and all future present citizens proudly.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF ISLE OF PLAMS, SOUTH CAROLINA, ON THE _______, DAY OF _________, 2024.

Phillip Pounds, Mayor

