

RESOLUTION NO. 57-24

BY: **ALLAN DIVIS**

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING APRIL AS
"NATIONAL AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH",
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, "Autism Acceptance Month", previously named "Autism Awareness Month" is held annually in April and this year April 2 has been designated as "World Autism Awareness Day"; and

WHEREAS, autism or autism spectrum disorder, refers to a broad range of conditions characterized by challenges with social skills, repetitive behaviors, speech, and nonverbal communication; and

WHEREAS, there is not one autism but many subtypes and each person with autism can have unique strengths and challenges; autism affects an estimated 1 in 36 children in the United States according to the National Autism Society; and

WHEREAS, the easily identifiable puzzle piece is the universal symbol of autism awareness, with its diversity of colors and designs representing the variety of people affected by this condition; and

WHEREAS, currently there is no cure for autism, though with early intervention and treatment, the diverse symptoms related to autism can be greatly improved, and in some cases completely overcome; and

WHEREAS, thousands of communities, landmarks, buildings and homes around the world come together on April 2 to "Light It Up Blue" in recognition of people with autism and those who love and support them.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARMA, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That this Council hereby supports April as "National Autism Awareness Month", and April 2 as "World Autism Awareness Day".

Section 2. That the Clerk of Council is hereby directed to forward a true and accurate copy of this Resolution to the Autism Society of Ohio.

Section 3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 4. That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the City of Parma, and for the further reason that this measure is necessary due to the observance taking place during the month of April, 2024, and this Resolution shall become immediately effective upon receiving the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council and approval of the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____ PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____
CLERK OF COUNCIL

FILED WITH
THE MAYOR: _____ MAYOR, CITY OF PARMA, OHIO