



CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
JIMMY PATRONIS
STATE OF FLORIDA

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, autism spectrum disorder affects an estimated 1 in 44 U.S. children and 1 in 45 U.S. adults and is a complex condition that affects each person differently, resulting in unique strengths and challenges; and

WHEREAS, autism can cause challenges with verbal and nonverbal communication, social interaction, and repetitive behaviors, and can affect anyone, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, or socioeconomic background; and

WHEREAS, autism is often accompanied by medical conditions that impact quality of life; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive, collaborative approach will help to advance research, providing a better understanding of the many forms of autism, strengthen advocacy efforts and ensure access to services and resources throughout the life span and across the spectrum; and

WHEREAS, early diagnosis and intervention tailored to individual needs can have lifelong benefits, easing the transition to adulthood and fostering greater independence; and

WHEREAS, each person and family affected by autism should have access to reliable information and supports; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Financial Services launched a new Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) resource website which aims to provide resources and assistance for consumers dealing with ASD with a one-stop-shop of insurance information focused on better supporting policy holders with ASD to help improve interaction with their insurers; and

WHEREAS, autistic people should have opportunities to reach their full potential.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer and State Fire Marshal of the State of Florida does hereby recognize April 2022 as

WORLD AUTISM MONTH

to address the diverse needs of individuals with autism and their families and to create a kinder, more inclusive world for people with autism spectrum disorder.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF the Chief Financial Officer of the State of Florida has hereunto subscribed his name on the 1st day of April 2022.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jimmy Patronis".

JIMMY PATRONIS
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
STATE FIRE MARSHAL