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RESOLUTION 2012 - 24

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF SUNNYSIDE, WASHINGTON, SUPPORTING
AUTISM AWARENESS WEEK**

WHEREAS, autism effects all persons regardless of race, religion, socio-economic status or geography; and

WHEREAS, autism is a lifelong developmental disability which occurs in approximately 1 in every 110 births, the causes of which are not fully understood; and

WHEREAS, a child is diagnosed with autism every 20 minutes; and

WHEREAS, speech and language may be absent or delayed, and cognitive abilities may be affected, causing the person with autism to relate in different ways to people, objects and events, and causing great stress to families; and

WHEREAS, while there is no cure for autism, it is well-documented that if individuals with autism receive treatment early in their lives, it often is possible for those individuals to lead significantly improved lives; and

WHEREAS, early diagnosis, research, training, education and therapies are vital to reducing the effects of autism; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sunnyside, jointly with the Sunnyside School District, support awareness efforts in order to educate parents, professionals and the general public about autism and its effects.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUNNYSIDE, WASHINGTON, along with the Sunnyside School District, as follows:

SECTION 1. That the City Council supports the proclamation of April 2012 as Autism Awareness Month.

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall be effective upon passage, approval and signatures hereon in accordance with law.

PASSED this 2nd day of April, 2012.



MIKE FARMER, MAYOR

ATTEST:



DELILAH SAENZ, CITY CLERK

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