



**State of Minnesota
City of Oakdale**

Proclamation

WHEREAS, On March 4, 2021 the Autism Society of America officially announced the shift in terminology from Autism Awareness Month to Autism Acceptance Month; and

WHEREAS, April aims to celebrate and promote acceptance for the condition that occurs in one in every 36 children in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Autism is the fastest-growing developmental disability in the world; and

WHEREAS, Autism is a complex developmental condition affecting the patient's ability to interact, communicate, and progress, and has not one but many subtypes; and

WHEREAS, first held in the year 1972 by the Autism Society, Autism Acceptance Month emphasizes the need for public awareness to promote acceptance, celebrate the differences, and be more inclusive towards autistic individuals around us; and

WHEREAS, with the autism diagnosis rate increasing fast, we take these 30 days in April to celebrate the differences of, learn more about, and empower autistic individuals.

THEREFORE, I, Kevin Zabel, Mayor of Oakdale, Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of April in twenty twenty-five as **AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH**.

IN WITNESS THEREOF: I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Oakdale to be affixed on this 25th day of March 2025.



Kevin Zabel, Mayor