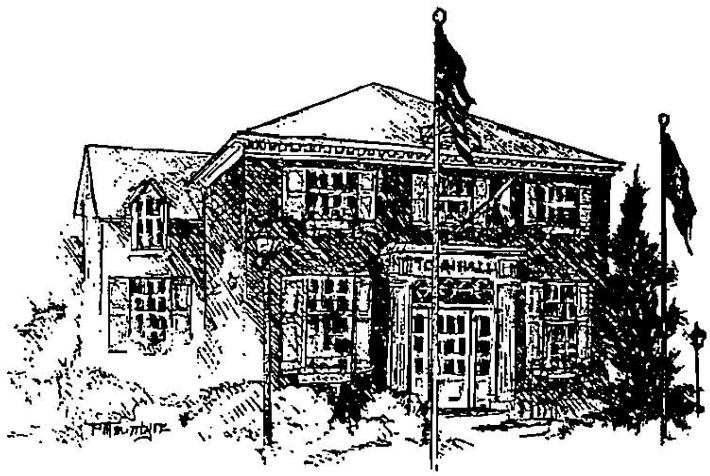

# TOWN OF HERNDON, VIRGINIA
# PROCLAMATION
# AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH
# APRIL 2026

Town of Herndon recognizes April as *Autism Acceptance Month*, beginning with *World Autism Awareness Day* on April 2. This month serves as a reminder of our shared responsibility to build a community where autistic individuals are not only acknowledged, but genuinely included, respected, and valued. Acceptance goes beyond awareness—it calls us to embrace neurodiversity as an essential part of the human experience.

Autism is a lifelong neurodevelopmental difference that affects how individuals process information, communicate, and interact with the world. Autistic people bring unique strengths, perspectives, and talents to our community. Their success is supported by access to inclusive education, sensory-friendly environments, employment opportunities, and community programs that honor diverse needs. By listening to autistic voices, promoting understanding, and challenging misconceptions, we help ensure that every resident has the opportunity to thrive.

The Town of Herndon reaffirms its commitment to fostering a community where autistic individuals and their families feel welcomed, supported, and empowered. Therefore, the Mayor of the Town of Herndon, together with the Herndon Town Council, proclaims April 2026 as Autism Acceptance Month in the Town of Herndon. We encourage all residents, businesses, and organizations to participate in activities that promote inclusion, expand understanding, and strengthen our collective commitment to a more compassionate and accessible community for all.