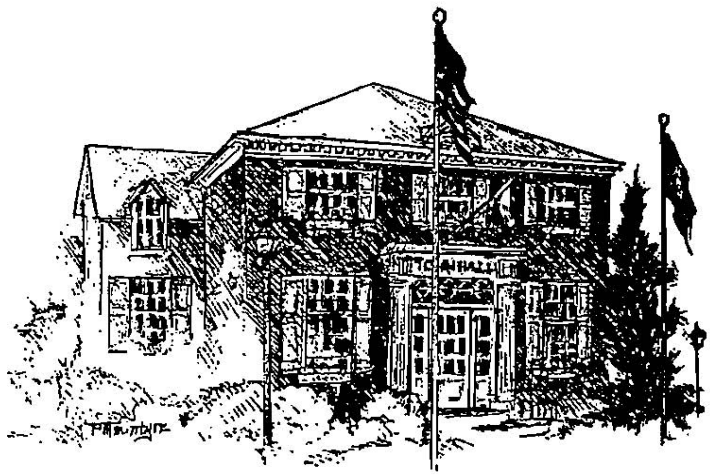

TOWN OF HERNDON, VIRGINIA
PROCLAMATION
AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH
APRIL 2025

Autism Acceptance Month is celebrated every April, starting out with the United Nations-sanctioned *World Autism Awareness Day* on April 2. This year marks the 18th annual recognition of *World Autism Awareness Day*. To help create a world in which autistic individuals are fully supported, championed, and celebrated, we must all work together to achieve true acceptance.

Autism is a motor sensory difference experienced by children and adults. Some individuals are able to speak, and others are not. Speech is not an indicator of intelligence. Autism is a lifelong condition, and skills and quality of life are improved by intervention, education, and support services.

People should presume competence in autistic individuals. Autistic individuals are your community members, your neighbors, friends, and family, and they can and want to learn. The Town of Herndon welcomes autistic individuals and promotes access and acceptance throughout the community.

Therefore, the Mayor of the Town of Herndon, together with the Herndon Town Council, hereby proclaims the month of April 2025 as **Autism Acceptance Month** in the Town of Herndon, and urges all employees and residents to participate in **Autism Acceptance Month** activities, to become better educated about autism, and to create a better community for individuals with autism.