

Proclamation

Whereas, World Autism Awareness Day was designated by the United Nations in 2007 in an effort to end stigmatization and discrimination against those with autism; and

Whereas, Autism Spectrum Disorder (Autism) is a complex neurological and developmental disability that typically appears during early childhood and impacts a person's social skills, communication, and self-regulations; and

Whereas, the theme for 2026, is "Autism and Humanity - Every Life Has Value," highlighting and affirming the dignity and worth of all autistic people as part of our shared human future; and

Whereas, autism affects an estimated 1 in 36 children, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. It is reported to occur in all racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic groups and nearly 1 times more common among boys than among girls; and

Whereas, autism not only influences the lives of autistics but also their friends, families, and communities and it is crucial to raise awareness, and acceptance, provide support and promote a more inclusive society; and

Whereas, autism is a diverse spectrum that varies widely among individuals, each person's experience with autism can change over time; and

Whereas, Manhattan Beach urges everyone to recognize and celebrate the unique differences and needs of others, fostering an inclusive environment where all individuals can participate fully in activities and discussions; and

Whereas, together we can create a society that values and includes everyone.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that I, David Lesser, Mayor of the City of Manhattan Beach, California, on behalf of the City Council and the residents of Manhattan Beach, do hereby proclaim April 2, 2026, as

World Autism Awareness Day

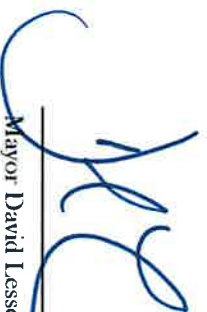
and encourage all citizens to commit to embracing awareness and acceptance today and every day throughout the year.

Dated this 7th day of April, 2026.

ATTEST:



City Clerk Liza Tamura



Mayor David Lesser

