

**CITY OF NIXA  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
STATE OF MISSOURI**

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, Autism is a bio-neurological developmental disability that affects the social, communication and behavioral skills of those affected by it; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2021, the CDC reported that approximately 1 in 44 children in the U.S. is diagnosed with autism and is reported to occur in all racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic groups; and

**WHEREAS**, autism impacts the normal development of the brain in the areas of social interaction, communication skills, and cognitive function. Individuals with autism typically have difficulties in verbal and non-verbal communication, social interactions and leisure or play activities; and

**WHEREAS**, currently there is no cure for autism, though with early intervention and treatment, the diverse symptoms related to autism can be greatly improved; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Nixa values our citizens with autism and their families and we strive to promote autism awareness, inclusion, and acceptance; and

**WHEREAS**, at this time we take an opportunity to highlight the unique abilities, strengths, and needs of our community members with autism.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Brian Steele, Mayor of the City of Nixa, Missouri, do hereby proclaim April 2, 2023, as

**"Autism Awareness Day"**

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Nixa, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk