

Proclamation

WHEREAS, autism, the fastest growing developmental disability in the United States, affecting more than three million people, is an urgent public health crisis that demands a national response; and

WHEREAS, autism is the result of a neurological disorder that affects the normal functioning of the human brain, and can affect anyone, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, or socioeconomic background; and

WHEREAS, symptoms and characteristics of autism may present themselves in a variety of combinations and can result in significant lifelong impairment of an individual's ability to learn, develop healthy interactive behaviors, and understand verbal as well as nonverbal communication; and

WHEREAS, the effort to address autism continues, doctors, therapists, and educators can help persons with autism overcome or adjust to its challenges and provide early, accurate diagnosis and the resulting appropriate education, intervention, and therapy that are vital to future growth and development; and

WHEREAS, ensuring that persons living with autism have access to the lifelong care and services needed to pursue the full measure of personal happiness and achieve their greatest potential;

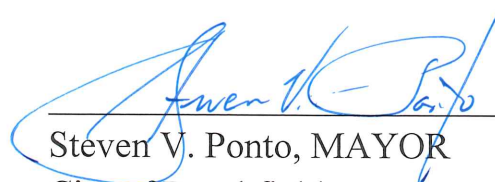
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Steven V. Ponto, Mayor of the City of Brookfield, do hereby proclaim April 2016, as

AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Brookfield and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.

Signed and sealed this 17th day of March,
in the year Two Thousand and Sixteen.





Steven V. Ponto, MAYOR
City of Brookfield