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WHEREAS, Autism is a complex neurological and development condition that typically appears in the first three years of life; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates one of every 68 people in the United States has been identified with an autism spectrum disorder; and

WHEREAS, Autism spectrum disorders are lifelong conditions that affects each individual and their families differently; and

WHEREAS, individuals on the autism spectrum can be helped to reach their greatest potential through individualized treatment strategies, early diagnosis, education, access to lifelong support and services, and most importantly, inclusion and full acceptance within society; and

WHEREAS, through research, training, support groups, advocacy and increased acceptance, we will make positive changes and meet the challenges of serving a growing number of Clark County residents with autism spectrum disorders;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Scott Higgins, Mayor of Camas, do hereby proclaim **April 2017**, as

“Autism Acceptance Month”

in Camas, Washington and encourage all citizens to seek a better understanding and acceptance of autism and autism spectrum disorders.



In witness whereof, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Camas to be affixed this 17th day of April, 2017

Scott Higgins, Mayor