

Autism Awareness & Acceptance Month Proclamation for Latimer County, Oklahoma

WHEREAS, Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is a lifelong developmental disability that affects how people perceive the world and interact with others, impacting individuals regardless of race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, or geography; and

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, approximately 1 in 36 children in the United States are diagnosed with autism, and thousands of individuals and families in Oklahoma are personally affected by autism; and

WHEREAS, autism is a complex condition that presents unique strengths and challenges, and individuals on the autism spectrum deserve the understanding, support, and opportunities needed to thrive in inclusive communities; and

WHEREAS, promoting awareness, acceptance, and inclusion of individuals with autism fosters a supportive environment where all citizens feel valued and accepted; and

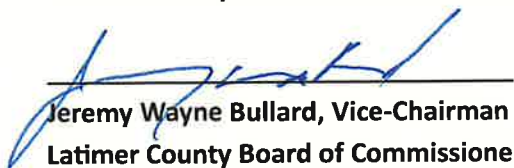
WHEREAS, organizations, service providers, and advocates across Latimer County are working tirelessly to provide services, raise awareness, and promote acceptance for individuals on the autism spectrum; and

WHEREAS, Autism Awareness and Acceptance Month is an opportunity to educate our community, promote inclusivity, and support individuals and families impacted by autism; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Latimer County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim April 2026 as Autism Awareness and Acceptance Month in Latimer County, Oklahoma, and encourages all residents to learn more about autism, foster understanding, and work together to create an inclusive community for everyone.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the Seal of Latimer County to be affixed this 13th day of April 2026.


Jaden Petty, Chairman
Latimer County Board of Commissioners


Jeremy Wayne Bullard, Vice-Chairman
Latimer County Board of Commissioners


Rodger Kimble, Member
Latimer County Board of Commissioners



ATTEST: 
Erin Adams, Latimer County Clerk