

GUADALUPE COUNTY PROCLAMATION

EST. 1846

Recognizing April 2026 as Autism Awareness Month in Guadalupe County

WHEREAS, autism spectrum disorders are a broad range of conditions characterized by challenges with social skills, repetitive behaviors, and speech and nonverbal communication; and

WHEREAS, Guadalupe County is rapidly growing, with a diverse population estimated at over 195,000 residents. As part of the South Central Texas region monitored by the Texas Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring (ADDM) Network, it reports that 1 in 34 children are identified with Autism Spectrum Disorder; and

WHEREAS, based on the county's child population, this estimates approximately 900 autistic children living in our community, each with unique strengths, talents, and qualities regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, or socioeconomic status background; and

WHEREAS, early, accurate diagnosis and appropriate education, intervention, and therapy are vital to the well-being of those with autism spectrum disorders; and

WHEREAS, persons with an autism spectrum disorder should have access to the care, services, and opportunities they need to be happy and to achieve their greatest potential; and

WHEREAS, Guadalupe County is honored to participate in the annual observance of World Autism Month in the hope that these observances will support the growing local autistic population.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Guadalupe County Judge, duly convened and acting in his capacity as the governing body of Guadalupe County, hereby recognizes April 2026 as Autism Awareness Day in Guadalupe County; and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that citizens are urged to raise public acceptance and understanding of autism spectrum disorder, as well as increase knowledge of the efforts that have been and are being made to support individuals with autism spectrum disorder and their families.

In Witness Whereof, set have hereunto set my hand this **8th day of April 2026**.



GUADALUPE COUNTY:

Kyle Kutscher
County Judge

