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**WHEREAS**, Autism is a lifelong neurological disorder with current statistics bringing it to 1 in 36 children diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder in the United States. The prevalence of Autism Spectrum Disorder in California is 1 in 22; and

**WHEREAS**, Autism affects each individual in different ways and can range from very mild to severe, knows no racial, ethnic, or social boundaries, and affects young and old alike in the City of Chino; and

WHEREAS, our understanding of Autism has grown tremendously since it was first diagnosed; there is no known cure for Autism. Accurate, early diagnosis and the resulting appropriate education and intervention are vital to the future growth and development of the individual; and

WHEREAS, hope lies in a broad spectrum of treatments, and in an informed public and community committed to providing support and service to individuals diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder; and

**WHEREAS**, the Autism Society Inland Empire has been serving the Inland Empire for over 37 years and their mission is to create connections empowering everyone in the Autism community with the resources needed to live fully.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EUNICE M. ULLOA, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHINO, do hereby proclaim April 2025 as

## **AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH**

in the City of Chino and encourage all citizens to join the effort to raise awareness of Autism.

PRESENTED THIS 1ST DAY OF APRIL 2025.

EUNICE M. ULLOA, Mayor

ATTEST:

NATALIE GONZAGA, City Clerk