



CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER  
**JIMMY PATRONIS**  
STATE OF FLORIDA

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, autism spectrum disorder affects an estimated 1 in 44 U.S. children and 1 in 45 U.S. adults and is a complex condition that affects each person differently, resulting in unique strengths and challenges; and

**WHEREAS**, autism can cause challenges with verbal and nonverbal communication, social interaction, and repetitive behaviors, and can affect anyone, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, or socioeconomic background; and

**WHEREAS**, autism is often accompanied by medical conditions that impact quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, a comprehensive, collaborative approach will help to advance research, providing a better understanding of the many forms of autism, strengthen advocacy efforts and ensure access to services and resources throughout the life span and across the spectrum; and

**WHEREAS**, early diagnosis and intervention tailored to individual needs can have lifelong benefits, easing the transition to adulthood and fostering greater independence; and

**WHEREAS**, each person and family affected by autism should have access to reliable information and supports; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Financial Services launched a new Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) resource website which aims to provide resources and assistance for consumers dealing with ASD with a one-stop-shop of insurance information focused on better supporting policy holders with ASD to help improve interaction with their insurers; and

**WHEREAS**, autistic people should have opportunities to reach their full potential.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chief Financial Officer and State Fire Marshal of the State of Florida does hereby recognize April 2022 as

**WORLD AUTISM MONTH**

to address the diverse needs of individuals with autism and their families and to create a kinder, more inclusive world for people with autism spectrum disorder.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF** the Chief Financial Officer of the State of Florida has hereunto subscribed his name on the 1st day of April 2022.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jimmy Patronis".

**JIMMY PATRONIS**  
**CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**  
**STATE FIRE MARSHAL**