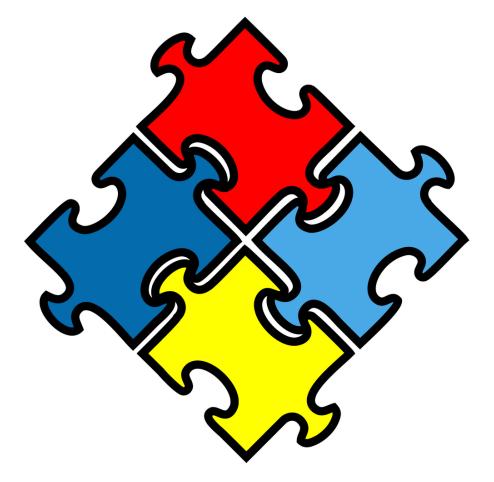


# AUTISM AWARENESS AND ACCEPTANCE MONTH

Commission on Disabilities
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# April is Autism Awareness and Acceptance Month

April 2<sup>nd</sup> is World Autism Awareness Day

## WHAT IS AUTISM?

 Autism, also known as autism spectrum disorder (ASD), is a neurodevelopmental disorder characterized by persistent challenges in social interaction, communication, and behavior. The term "spectrum" reflects the wide variation in challenges and strengths that each person with autism may experience.





#### DATA AND STATISTICS

- About 1 in 36 children has been identified with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) according to estimates from CDC's Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring (ADDM) Network.
- ASD is reported to occur in all racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic groups.
- ASD is nearly 4 times more common among boys than among girls.



## **AUTISM SOCIETY – INLAND EMPIRE**

The Autism Society Inland Empire connects people to resources they need through education, advocacy, support, information and referral, and community programming.

#### **MISSION**

Create connections, empowering everyone in the Autism community with the resources needed to live fully.

#### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

- Website: <u>www.ieautism.org</u>
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## RECOMMENDATION

That the Commission on Disabilities receive and file this presentation.

