

Office of the Mayor
Official Proclamation of the *City of Santa Fe*
Bando Oficial de la Villa Real de Santa Fé de San Francisco de Asís Nuevo México

WHEREAS, disability is a natural part of the human experience, and individuals with developmental disabilities, including autism spectrum disorder, deserve the right to live independently, make choices, and fully participate in all aspects of society; and

WHEREAS, the CDC reports that 1 in 36 children in the United States—including nearly 15,000 in New Mexico—and approximately 2% of New Mexican adults are diagnosed with autism; and

WHEREAS, many individuals with autism are nonverbal or may become nonverbal during high-stress or emergency situations, making communication support crucial during first response interactions; and

WHEREAS, Elevate the Spectrum was founded in 2021 to support first responders by providing tools and resources to better engage with individuals on the autism spectrum, including the creation of Hero Bags—kits containing sensory tools, communication boards, and other vital resources; and

WHEREAS, Elevate the Spectrum continues to supply Hero Bags to New Mexico State Police, Santa Fe Police and fire and rescue departments, and school resource teams to improve safety, awareness, and accessibility; and

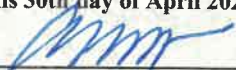
WHEREAS, the City of Santa Fe recognizes the need for ongoing education, advocacy, and inclusion to build a community where individuals of all abilities feel supported and safe.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALAN WEBBER, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF
SANTA FE NEW MEXICO DO HEREBY PROCLAIM,
WEDNESDAY APRIL 30, 2025, AS**

“ELEVATE THE SPECTRUM DAY”

Promulgada en el Ayuntamiento, el día
treinta del mes de abril del año 2025
Done at City Hall, this 30th day of April 2025

Witness my hand:



Alcalde/Mayor

