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March 23, 2026

Honorable Members of the City Council
Through the Office of the Mayor
1 Roosevelt Square
Mount Vernon, New York 10550

Re: 2026 Autism Awareness Walk and Celebration

Dear Honorable Council Members:

The Department of Recreation requests that the City Council adopt an ordinance allowing the department to co-sponsor the Annual Autism Awareness Walk on Saturday, April 25, 2026, from 11 am - 1 pm. The walk starts on the steps of City Hall and proceeds to the designated location.

The annual Autism Walk represents our community's unity and spirit. It serves as a platform for raising awareness, fostering understanding, and advocating for individuals on the autism spectrum and their families. This event brings our communities together, demonstrating our commitment to support and celebrate neurodiversity. The walk symbolizes our collective solidarity, promoting inclusivity and acceptance while challenging the stigma and misconceptions surrounding autism.

This year (as in years past), we will start on the steps of City Hall. We will walk toward N. 7th Ave., make a right then proceed up N. 7th Ave and make right on to Lincoln Ave. We will then make a left on to Gramatan Ave. and walk to William Street then make a left on to N. High Street (531 Map included), where the celebration of Autism Awareness will commence.

We request a Police escort to assist in crossing highly trafficked areas throughout the duration of the walk.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

André G. Early, Deputy Commissioner

cc: Kathleen Walker-Pinckney, Commissioner
Shawyn Patterson-Howard, Mayor

