



Whereas, Autism is the fastest growing developmental disability in the world today with more than 3.5 million Americans living with autism; and,

Whereas, April has been designated as *World Autism Awareness Month* and President Obama has proclaimed, “The greatness of our Nation lies in the diversity of our people ... Together, we can create a world free of barriers to inclusion and full of understanding and acceptance of the differences that make us strong.”; and,

Whereas, Hope lies in an informed public and community committed to providing support and service to individuals diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder and their families; and,

Whereas, The City of Battlefield acknowledges its citizens with autism as valued members of our community and recognizes the importance of education concerning autism; and,

Whereas, Battlefield Missouri, is the home of **Stars for Autism, Inc.**, a not-for-profit organization committed to the mission of educating and training families, professionals, and the general public to better understand this lifelong disorder; and,

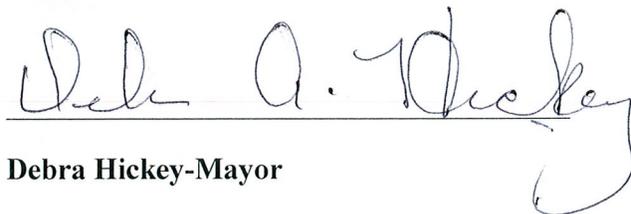
Whereas, The City of Battlefield is committed to becoming inclusive and free of physical and social barriers and aspires to provide equal opportunities to all persons with autism; and,

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, I Debra Hickey, Mayor of the City of Battlefield, do hereby proclaim on behalf of the Board of Aldermen and the citizens of Battlefield, Missouri, that Battlefield is an autism friendly city; and,

Be It Further Resolved, that the City of Battlefield is dedicated to increasing the awareness and support for individuals with autism, along with education and training for the community.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Battlefield, this 19th day of April, 2016.




Debra Hickey-Mayor

