



## PROCLAMATION

### “UNIFIED RESPONDER COMMUNITY” MONTH

**Whereas**, Sounds of Autism is a local nonprofit established in 2012, and it is through their movement, “Unified Responder Community”, initiated in 2021, that they vet resources for families and work with collaborative partners to provide referral resources, services, and programs in order to provide more access, options, and opportunities throughout cities of Arizona for individuals with Autism and others At-Risk so no one is ever left alone; and

**Whereas**, Sounds of Autism is committed to their mission to “safely integrate families and children of Autism, including other at-risk, back into society through Love and Support”; families are the “Love” of their mission, and “Support” is everyone else, including agencies, community officials, employers, educators, first responders, and service providers; and

**Whereas**, Sounds of Autism helps guide many families who continue to experience gaps in support and services for early diagnoses, early intervention, mental and behavioral health, as well as housing and opportunities for employment to empower individuals with Autism and others At-Risk to ultimately live as independent an adult life as possible; and

**Whereas**, the month of November, and every month, Sounds of Autism’s “Unified Responder Community” encourages unity amongst all Arizonans to have compassion and support for individuals living “Life on a Spectrum” and others At-Risk, as they bring a voice to Autism to bridge the gaps, “One Step, One City, One A.C.R.E.” at a time; and

**Whereas**, Sounds of Autism defines A.C.R.E. as “A” for Autism and At-Risk families, “C” for Community & Community Officials, “R” for First Responders of all types, and “E” for Employers and Educators, which they believe encompasses unity amongst all.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Kenneth Weise, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Avondale, Arizona do hereby proclaim November 2023 as “Unified Responder Community” Month.

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk