



City of Framingham

Proclamation

July 15, 2025

World Fragile X Day

July 22, 2025

WHEREAS, Fragile X syndrome (FXS) is the most common inherited cause of autism and intellectual disabilities worldwide, affecting people of every race, income level, and nationality; and

WHEREAS, although the genetic mutation that causes FXS is identifiable through DNA testing, Fragile X frequently goes undiagnosed due to limited awareness, even within the medical community; and

WHEREAS, more than 100,000 Americans live with Fragile X syndrome and an estimated 1.5 million are carriers of the Fragile X gene mutation; and

WHEREAS, FRAXA Research Foundation, founded by parents in 1994, has helped lead the charge to find effective treatments and ultimately a cure through targeted research and clinical trials; and

WHEREAS, Fragile X serves as a powerful model for understanding a broad range of neurodevelopmental disorders, including autism, and advancing research that benefits millions; and

WHEREAS, July 22 is recognized globally as World Fragile X Day, with landmarks, buildings, and bridges lighting up in teal to raise awareness, highlight the progress of research, and unite the Fragile X community in hope and support;

WHEREAS, we honor the Santiago family, whose son, Demetri, lives with Fragile X Syndrome and who represents the FRAXA Research Foundation.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor of Framingham and the Framingham City Council, do hereby designate July 22, 2025 as World Fragile X Day in the City of Framingham. We encourage all of our citizens to observe this day and encourage all in our community to work together to commit to increasing awareness and understanding.

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Attested to by:

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