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Kersey Recognizes National Foundation for Autism Research for Teaching Technology Skills and Finding Jobs for Those with Autism



Councilmember Mark Kersey with NFAR leadership, board members and parents

San Diego –During National Autism Awareness Month, [Councilmember Mark Kersey](#) proclaimed April 10, 2018 to be “National Foundation for Autism Research Day” in the City of San Diego.

[The National Foundation for Autism Research \(NFAR\)](#) based in Scripps Ranch, serves children with autism and their families. More than 20 NFAR board members, families and supporters joined Councilmember Kersey as he presented the proclamation. He specifically highlighted NFAR Tech, which provides technical training and employment skills to those with autism.

“I’m proud to recognize NFAR for giving these talented, sometimes overlooked individuals an opportunity to learn in an environment designed for their success,” said Councilmember Kersey. “Everyone deserves the chance to become self-sufficient and contribute to the workplace in their unique way.”

“At NFAR, we are dedicated to serving individuals with autism in our community,” said Sharon Leon, NFAR Executive Director. “We are so honored and grateful to have been recognized by Councilmember Mark Kersey and the City for our efforts and look forward to working with them on initiatives that continue to improve the lives of those with autism in San Diego.”

While many people on the autism spectrum have skills well suited for the technology industry, unemployment for those with autism is 85%. NFAR Tech is helping bridge that gap and has already helped place 30 internships and jobs within San Diego's technology industry. Learn more at <http://www.nfar.org/>

Councilmember Mark Kersey represents the City of San Diego's Fifth District including Black Mountain Ranch, Carmel Mountain Ranch, Miramar Ranch North, Rancho Bernardo, Rancho Encantada, Rancho Peñasquitos, Sabre Springs, San Pasqual, Scripps Miramar Ranch and Torrey Highlands.

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