

RESOLUTION 107(18)

March 7, 2018

WHEREAS, Autism Spectrum Disorder is a lifelong developmental disability, consisting of a broad group of disorders that vary widely from mild to severe, and is characterized by difficulty with social interactions, communication, severely limited interests, and repetitive behaviors; and

WHEREAS, Autism is the third most common developmental disability, affecting 1.5 million individuals nationwide and the aim of this month is educate the public about autism, and

WHEREAS, the lifelong nature of Autism Spectrum Disorder and other developmental disabilities requires a variety of types of assistance at different points in an individual's life; and

WHEREAS, although a cure for Autism has not been found, persons with Autism can be helped to reach their greatest potential. Accurate, early diagnosis, and the resulting appropriate intervention, education, and support are vital to the highest quality of life for the individual; and

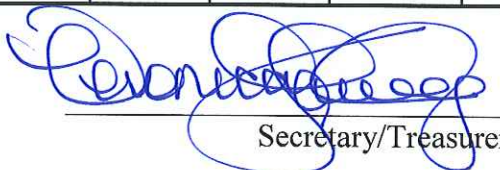
WHEREAS, advocacy organizations, such as POAC (Parents of Autistic Children) and Autism New Jersey have dedicated years of service in their ongoing efforts to promote community inclusion, awareness, support and appropriate education of all persons with Autism; and

WHEREAS, these organizations remain committed to their cause and to educating families, professionals, and the general public to better understand and treat this lifelong disability; and

WHEREAS, Autism is a complex disability that requires increased research to one day find a cure and means of prevention along with greater recognition and understanding to ensure that all Americans with Autism are accurately diagnosed and appropriately treated throughout their lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ocean County Board of Health does hereby proclaim April 2018 AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH in Ocean County.

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