

RESOLUTION

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March 20, 2024

WHEREAS, **National Autism Acceptance Month** is sponsored by The Autism Society and represents an excellent opportunity to promote autism awareness, autism acceptance and to draw attention to the tens of thousands facing an autism diagnosis each year; and

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, the Autism Society recognizes that the prevalence of autism in the United States has risen from 1 in 125 children in 2010 to 1 in 59 in 2020 – recognizing this continued increase, the goal for AAM is to further increase awareness about autism signs, symptoms and opportunities; and

WHEREAS, there is no link between autism and vaccines. Much research has been devoted to this issue over the years and the results have comprehensively shown there is no link; and

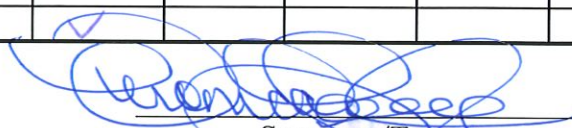
WHEREAS, although a cure for Autism has not been found, the Autism Society believes that autism does not need a 'cure' and should be seen as a difference, not a disadvantage. They also warn people about fake cures and potentially harmful interventions ; and

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, **“Hire Autism,”** an initiative created by the *Organization for Autism Research* employment initiative, supports autistic adults in finding meaningful employment. To achieve this, Hire Autism welcomes autism-friendly employers to post their active job listings free of charge on the Hire Autism job board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the OCEAN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, does hereby proclaim April 2024 AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH in Ocean County.

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