

Office of the Mayor



Proclamation

APRIL - AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH
April 2, 2024, World Autism Awareness Day

Whereas, autism spectrum disorder affects an estimated 1 in 44 children in the United States and 1 in 45 adults. The essential features are a lack of relationship to people, inappropriate attachment to objects, and severe impairment in communication skills, with 40% non-verbal; and

Whereas, they fail to develop normal attachment, even to parents and close relatives. They exhibit abnormal responses to sensations such as touch, pain, smell, taste, light and sound. Autism is often accompanied by medical conditions that impact quality of life; and

Whereas, autism can cause challenges with verbal and non-verbal communication, social interaction, and repetitive behaviors, and can affect anyone, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender or socioeconomic background; and

Whereas, early diagnosis and intervention tailored to individual needs can have lifelong benefits, easing the transition to adulthood and fostering greater independence. This is evidence of the importance of early intervention, as adults today did not have this benefit, and suffer with independent living, lack of employment, and relationships; and

Whereas, each person and family affected by autism should have access to reliable information and support. The medical, dental, and teaching professions should be trained how to serve the autism population, since this lack of understanding creates anxiety and confusion; and

Whereas, autistic people should have opportunities to reach their greatest potential and the whole of society stands to benefit from this; and

Whereas, a comprehensive collaborative approach will help to advance research, providing a better understanding of the many forms of autism, while strengthening advocacy efforts and ensuring access to services and resources throughout the life span; and

Whereas, the Township of Monroe is honored to take part in the annual observance of Autism Awareness Month and World Autism Awareness Day to address the diverse needs of individuals with autism and their families.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, that I, STEPHEN DALINA, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, do hereby proclaim April as AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH and April 2, 2024, as WORLD AUTISM DAY in Monroe Township to create a kinder, more inclusive and understanding world for people with autism spectrum disorder.

Dated: April 1, 2024


STEPHEN DALINA, MAYOR