

Office of the Mayor



Proclamation

APRIL - AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH
April 2, 2022, 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, event 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 greatly with independent living, lack of employment, and relationships; and
- Whereas,** each person and family affected by autism should have access to reliable information and supports. 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, 2022 as WORLD AUTISM DAY in Monroe Township to create a kinder, more inclusive and understanding world for people with autism spectrum disorder.

Dated: April 2, 2022


STEPHEN DALINA, MAYOR