

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON**

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, Autism is a Pervasive Developmental Disorder that manifests itself and affects the social, learning, and behavioral skills of those affected by it; and

**WHEREAS**, Autism is currently estimated to affect 1 in every 50 people nationally, numbers rising from the 1 in 88 last year with rates being highest in New Jersey, second to Utah; and

**WHEREAS**, Autism is said to affect boys four times more than girls and knows no racial, ethnic or social boundaries, and neither income, lifestyle, nor education affects the occurrence; and

**WHEREAS**, a single specific cause of autism is not known, but current research links it to biological or neurological differences in the brain, as well as environmental assaults and neurotoxins. Outdated theories and myths have been proven false, such as autism being a mental illness, better diagnosing, or any fault of the mother; and

**WHEREAS**, accurate, early diagnosis and the resulting appropriate education and medical interventions are vital to the growth and development of the individual; and

**WHEREAS**, the diagnosis of autism is not reserved for the individual affected by it but that the entire family has to recover; and

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey offers a wide range of services and support to this population through various organizations including but not limited to the Governor’s Council for Medical Research and Treatment for Autism;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Hunterdon does hereby proclaim **April 2013** as **Autism Awareness Month**, in the County of Hunterdon.

<i>ROLL CALL</i>	<i>MOVED</i>	<i>SECONDED</i>	<i>AYES</i>	<i>NAYS</i>	<i>ABSTAIN</i>	<i>ABSENT</i>
<i>Robert G. Walton, Director</i>			X			
<i>J. Matthew Holt, Deputy Director</i>			X			
<i>John W. King, Freeholder</i>		X	X			
<i>George B. Melick, Freeholder</i>			X			
<i>William G. Mennen, Freeholder</i>	X		X			

**ADOPTED** April 02, 2013

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**Denise B. Doolan, CLERK**