

**HENDERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

MEETING DATE: March 17, 2014

SUBJECT: Resolution in Recognition of April as National Autism Awareness Month

ATTACHMENTS: 1. Resolution

PRESENTER: Charlie Messer

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

To pass a resolution designating April 2014 as "National Autism Awareness Month" and April 2nd as "National Autism Awareness Day". The Historic Courthouse will be lit blue April 2nd in commemoration of the United Nations sanctioned World Autism Awareness Day.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve the resolution as presented.

Suggested Motion:

I move that the Board approve the resolution as presented.

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RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF APRIL AS NATIONAL AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS,** April 2014 is designated as “National Autism Awareness Month” in order to increase public awareness of the need to support individuals with autism and the family members and medical professionals who care for individuals with autism; and
- WHEREAS,** Wednesday, April 2nd is designated as “National Autism Awareness Day”; and
- WHEREAS,** autism is a developmental disorder that is typically diagnosed during the first 3 years of life, affecting a person’s ability to communicate and interact with others; and
- WHEREAS,** autism affects an estimated 1 in every 88 children in the United States and is more likely to occur in boys than in girls; and
- WHEREAS,** despite the fact that autism is one of the most common developmental disorders, many professionals in the medical and educational fields are still unaware of the best methods to diagnose and treat the disorder.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Henderson County Board of Commissioners, do hereby designate April 2014 as “National Autism Awareness Month” and further designate April 2nd as “Autism Awareness Day”. We also recognize and commend the parents, relatives, and educators, of children with autism for their sacrifice and dedication in providing for the special needs of children with autism.

FUTHERMORE, in recognition of “Autism Awareness Day” on April 2nd the Henderson County Historic Courthouse will be lit blue in commemoration of the United Nations sanctioned World Autism Awareness Day.

Proclaimed this 17th day of March 2014.

Charlie Messer, Chairman
Henderson County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Teresa L. Wilson, Clerk to the Board