

**REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

**HENDERSON COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MEETING DATE:** April 15, 2015

**SUBJECT:** Resolution – In Recognition of April As National Autism Awareness Month

**ATTACHMENTS:** Yes  
1.) Resolution

**SUMMARY OF REQUEST:**

The Henderson County Board of Commissioners are requested to proclaim the month of April as National Autism Awareness Month in Henderson County and encourage all Henderson County officials, employees, schools and residents to recognize and commend the parents, relatives, and educators of children with autism for their dedication in providing for the special needs of children with autism.

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

The Board is requested to adopt the attached Resolution as presented.

**SUGGESTED MOTION:**

*I move that the Board adopt the attached Resolution designating the month of April as National Autism Awareness Month in Henderson County*

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## RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF APRIL AS NATIONAL AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS,** April 2015 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,** 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 2015 as “National Autism Awareness Month. We also recognize and commend the parents, relatives, and educators, of children with autism for their dedication in providing for the special needs of children with autism.

Resolved, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April 2015.

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THOMAS THOMPSON, Chairman  
Henderson County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Teresa L. Wilson, Clerk to the Board