

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: March 16, 2016

SUBJECT: Proclamation – In Recognition of April as National Autism Awareness Month

PRESENTER: Kathy Finotti, PIO

ATTACHMENTS: Yes
1.) Proclamation

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

The Henderson County Board of Commissioners are requested to proclaim the month of April as Henderson County Autism Awareness Month 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 Proclamation as presented.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

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

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PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF APRIL AS HENDERSON COUNTY AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, April 2, 2016 is World Autism Awareness Day, and April is being designated as “National Autism Awareness Month” and 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; and

WHEREAS, the Henderson County Board of Commissioners would like to designate April as “Henderson County Autism Awareness Month” in honor of our citizens who are affected by this disorder, their family members, their caregivers and the medical professionals who support them;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that we, the Henderson County Board of Commissioners, do hereby designate April 2016 as “Henderson County 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 and adults with autism.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the County of Henderson to be affixed.

Adopted this the 16th day of March, 2016.

THOMAS H. THOMPSON, CHAIRMAN
HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

TERESA L. WILSON, CLERK TO THE BOARD