

~PROCLAMATION~

- Whereas,** Autism is a complex neurological and developmental condition that typically appears in the first three years of life; and
- Whereas,** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates one in every 68 people in the United States has been identified with an autism spectrum disorder; and
- Whereas,** Autism spectrum disorders are lifelong conditions and can have a devastating impact on families of affected individuals; and
- Whereas,** Although a cure for autism has not been found, persons with autism spectrum disorders can be helped to reach their greatest potential with early diagnosis and aggressive, consistent therapy; and
- Whereas,** Through research, legislation, training, support groups, advocacy and increased awareness, we can make positive changes and meet the challenges of serving a growing number of Clark County residents with autism spectrum disorders.

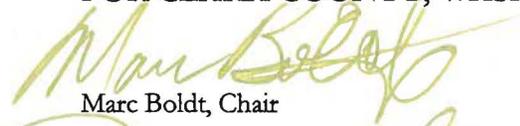
Now, therefore, this Board of County Councilors does hereby proclaim April as

~ Autism Awareness Month ~

in Clark County, Washington and calls on our community to seek a better understanding and acceptance of autism and autism spectrum disorders.

Signed this 5th day of April 2016

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