

# RESOLUTION

## **RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE MONTH OF APRIL AS WORLD AUTISM MONTH AND TO COMMEMORATE WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY IN WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS**

**WHEREAS**, Autism is a neurological disorder that affects four major areas of functioning: language and communication, social skills, sensory systems and behavior; and

**WHEREAS**, Autism is the fastest-growing serious developmental disability in the U.S.; and

**WHEREAS**, Autism now affects 1 in 68 children and 1 in 54 boys. Boys are four times more likely than girls to have Autism; and

**WHEREAS**, more children will be diagnosed with Autism this year than with AIDs, diabetes & cancer combined.

**WHEREAS**, it is estimated that 1 percent of the world's population is affected by Autism, or 67 million people; and

**WHEREAS**, World Autism Awareness Day, celebrated on April 2<sup>nd</sup> annually, was adopted by the United Nations in 2007 to shine a bright light on Autism as a growing global health crisis; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Commissioner's Court recognizes that there are over 650 individuals diagnosed with Autism in Laredo; and

**WHEREAS**, the National *Autism Speaks* Organization and the Laredo Chapter of *Families for Autism Support and Awareness* is aiming to light the world blue to raise awareness for Autism and to commemorate World Autism Month in April.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Commissioner's Court of Webb County, Texas, that:

1. The County Commissioner's Court recognizes the month of April as World Autism Month in Webb County, Texas;
2. The County Commissioner's Court proudly supports the efforts of the Laredo Chapter of Families for Autism Support and Awareness by helping to *Shine a Light on Autism*, and will light up the Webb County Courthouse in blue for the month of April to commemorate World Autism Month.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Webb County held on this 29<sup>h</sup> day of March, 2016.

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The Honorable Tano E. Tijerina  
Webb County Judge

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Honorable Francisco J. Sciaraffa  
Commissioner, Precinct 1

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Honorable Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina  
Commissioner, Precinct 2

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Honorable John C. Galo  
Commissioner, Precinct 3

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Honorable Jaime A. Canales  
Commissioner, Precinct 4

**ATTEST:**

Margie Ramirez-Ibarra, Webb County Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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Marco Montemayor  
Webb County Attorney\*

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