## 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, it is estimated that 1:5 million Americans are affected by Autism; 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 600 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:

- The County Commissioner's Court recognizes the month of April as World Autism Month in Webb County, Texas;
- 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 9th day of March, 2015

The Honorable Tano E. Tijerina Webb County Judge

Honorable Francisco J. Sciaraffa

Commissioner, Precinct 1

Honorable Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina

Commissioner, Precinct 2

Honorable John C. Galo Commissioner, Precinct 3

absent

Honorable Jaime A. Canales Commissioner Precinct 4

