

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE MONTH OF APRIL 2022 AS *WORLD AUTISM MONTH* AND TO COMMEMORATE *WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY* IN WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS

WHEREAS, Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is a developmental disability that can cause significant social, communication and behavioral challenges. It is a lifelong neurological condition that manifests during early childhood, irrespective of gender, race or socio-economic status. Minority groups tend to be diagnosed later and less often.; and

WHEREAS, Autism is the fastest-growing serious developmental disability in the U.S. In 2021, the CDC reported that approximately 1 in 44 children in the U.S. is diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder (ASD), according to 2018 data; and

WHEREAS, Autism now affects 1 in 27 boys and 1 in 116 girls. Boys are four times more likely to be diagnosed with Autism than girls; 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. Early Intervention affords the best opportunity to support healthy development and deliver benefits across the lifespan; and

WHEREAS, World Autism Awareness Day, celebrated on April 2nd annually, was adopted by the United Nations in 2007 to shine a bright light on Autism as a growing global health crisis which has no cure; and

WHEREAS, the Webb County Commissioner's Court recognizes that there are over 750 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:

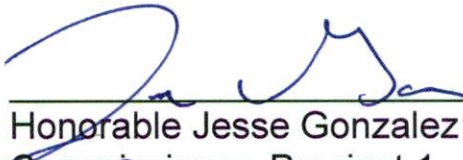
1. The County Commissioner's Court recognizes the month of April as *World Autism Month* in Webb County, Texas;

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 **28th** day of **March, 2022**.



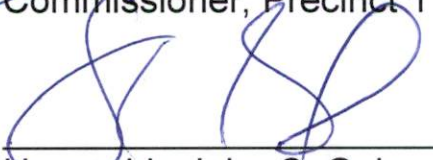
The Honorable Tano E. Tijerina
Webb County Judge



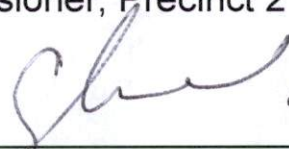
Honorable Jesse Gonzalez
Commissioner, Precinct 1



Honorable Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina
Commissioner, Precinct 2



Honorable John C. Galo
Commissioner, Precinct 3



Honorable Cindy Liendo
Commissioner, Precinct 4

ATTEST:

Margie Ramirez-Ibarra
Webb County Clerk

By: 

