

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE MONTH OF APRIL 2024 AS WORLD AUTISM MONTH AND TO COMMEMORATE WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY IN WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS

WHEREAS, Autism spectrum disorders (ASD) are a diverse group of conditions. They are characterized by some degree of difficulty with social interaction and communication. Other characteristics are atypical patterns of activities and behaviors, such as difficulty with transition from one activity to another, a focus on details and unusual reactions to sensations; and

WHEREAS, ASD 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 36 children in the U.S. is diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder (ASD), according to 2023 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 City of Laredo/Webb County recognizes that there are over 1000 individuals diagnosed with Autism in Laredo/Webb County; and

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

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MARGIE RAMIREZ IBARRA
COUNTY CLERK, WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS
BY A. K. Ibarra DEPUTY

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 **8th** day of **April, 2024**.



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 Ricardo "Ricky" Jaime
Commissioner, Precinct 4

ATTEST:

Margie Ramirez-Ibarra
Webb County Clerk

By:  _____

