

WHEREAS, Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) represents a broad group of disorders that vary widely from mild to severe; and

WHEREAS, millions of Americans with ASD make extraordinary contributions to their families, their communities and the world despite their challenges; and

WHEREAS, The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) studies have shown that New Jersey has a high rate of autism; and

WHEREAS, as many as 1 in 68 children nationally and 1 in 45 in New Jersey have been diagnosed with ASD; and

WHEREAS, various public and private organizations and agencies strive to provide quality care, support and services to children and adults with ASD to enable them to live as independently as possible and to reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, individuals with autism often require a lifetime of specialized and community support to insure their health and safety and to support their families; and

WHEREAS, we support Americans with ASD.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Mayor Michael Putrino, do hereby proclaim
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NATIONAL AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

in the Borough of New Milford and urge all residents to participate in Autism Awareness Month activities in order to become better educated about Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Mayor Michael Putrino