

**IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

\_\_\_\_\_ day \_\_\_\_\_, 2013

PRESENT: Supervisors  
ABSENT:

**RESOLUTION NO.  
RESOLUTION DECLARING APRIL 2013 AS “AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH”  
IN SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY**

The following resolution is hereby offered and read:

**WHEREAS**, Autism is a complex neurobiological disorder that typically lasts throughout a person’s lifetime. It is part of a group of disorders known as autism spectrum disorders (ASDs); and

**WHEREAS**, Autism affects all persons regardless of race, religion, socio-economic status or geography; and

**WHEREAS**, The incidence of autism in San Luis Obispo County reflects the national rate of 1 in 88, with rates appearing to have increased similarly around the globe; and

**WHEREAS**, A child is diagnosed with autism every 20 minutes, making ASDs more common than pediatric cancer, diabetes, and AIDS combined and the fastest growing serious developmental disability; and

**WHEREAS**, Individuals with ASDs and their families face tremendous and overwhelming challenges in accessing and navigating the complex programs and services for these disorders; and

**WHEREAS**, Parents and family members have made invaluable contributions through their commitment, caring, and advocacy to important advances in research, education, and treatment for individuals with ASDs; and

**WHEREAS**, The Central Coast Autism Spectrum Center will celebrate Autism Awareness Month in April 2012 and at the WALK for Autism and Autism Awareness Fair on April 28, 2013 in Mission Plaza; and

**WHEREAS**, Autism Awareness Month and the WALK for Autism and Autism Awareness Fair help to increase and develop knowledge of autism and are of paramount importance in creating an empathetic and compassionate citizenry.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Luis Obispo, State of California, does hereby declare April 2013 as Autism Awareness Month in San Luis Obispo County; recognizes that each and every individual with an ASD is a valued and important member of our society with unique talents, abilities and contributions; and commends the parents and relatives of individuals with ASDs, the professionals who provide valued services, and the Central Coast Autism Spectrum Center, for their sacrifice and dedication in providing for the special needs of individuals with ASDs.

Upon motion of Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by

Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_, and on the following roll call vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

The foregoing resolution is hereby adopted.

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Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk