

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

_____ DAY _____, 2014

PRESENT: Supervisors

ABSENT:

RESOLUTION NO.
RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 2014 “AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH.”

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; and

WHEREAS, ASDs are the fastest growing serious developmental disability, making these disorders more common than pediatric cancer, diabetes, and AIDS combined; and

WHEREAS, Many are not adequately informed about ASDs and the value and importance of early identification, assessment, and treatment of these disorders; 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, Individuals with ASDs are valuable and talented citizens; and

WHEREAS, The Central Coast Autism Spectrum Center will celebrate Autism Awareness Month in April 2014; and

WHEREAS, The Central Coast Autism Spectrum Center will celebrate Autism Awareness Month at the WALK for Autism and Autism Awareness Fair on May 3, 2014 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; and

WHEREAS, The Central Coast Autism Spectrum Center affirms its commitment to the important issues described in this resolution and recognizes and commends the talents, abilities and contributions of the individuals in our community diagnosed with ASDs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of San Luis Obispo, Board of Supervisors, State of California, does hereby proclaim April 2014 "Autism Awareness Month."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County recognizes and commends the parents and relatives of individuals with ASDs, the professionals that 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.

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Deputy Clerk