

RESOLUTION 2012- 163

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP
OF OCEAN DECLARING APRIL AUTISM MONTH AND RECOGNIZING
APRIL 2, 2012 AS WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY**

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2007 the United Nations General Assembly adopted Resolution 62/139 declaring World Autism Awareness Day (WAAD) to be celebrated April 2, 2008 in perpetuity; and,

WHEREAS, this UN Resolution is one of few official disease or disorder-specific United Nations Days; and,

WHEREAS, this will bring the world's attention to autism, a pervasive disease that affects tens of millions; and,

WHEREAS, Autism Awareness Day encourages all states to take measures to raise awareness about autism throughout society and encourages early diagnosis and early intervention; and,

WHEREAS, the UN Resolution expresses deep concern at the prevalence and high rate of autism in children in all regions of the world and the consequent developmental challenges; and,

WHEREAS, Autism Speaks believes that World Autism Awareness Day will shine a bright light on autism as a growing global health crisis; and,

WHEREAS, WAAD activities will help to increase and develop world knowledge of the autism epidemic and will impart information regarding the importance of early diagnosis and early intervention; and,

WHEREAS, WAAD will celebrate the unique talents and skills of persons with autism on April 2, 2012 and individuals with autism are warmly welcomed and embraced in community events around the globe.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Ocean in the County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, that bringing together autism organizations all around the world will give a voice to the millions of individuals worldwide who are undiagnosed, misunderstood and looking for help.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of the within Resolution be forwarded by the Township Clerk to Governor Chris Christie, 9th, 10th, 12th and 30th District Legislators, Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders and Ocean County Municipalities.

CERTIFICATION

I, Diane B. Ambrosio, Clerk of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Committee on the 26th day of April 2012.

Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC
Township Clerk