

**R-53-2014**  
**Borough of Swedesboro**  
**Resolution**  
**Proclaiming 2014 World Autism Awareness Day & Month**

WHEREAS, *Autism*, is the fastest growing developmental disability in the United States, affecting more than three million people, is an urgent public health crisis that demands a national response; and,

WHEREAS, *Autism* is the result of a neurological disorder that affects the normal functioning of the human brain, and can affect anyone, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, or socioeconomic background; and,

WHEREAS, symptoms and characteristics of *Autism* may present themselves in a variety of combinations and can result in significant lifelong impairment of an individual's ability to learn, develop healthy interactive behaviors, and understand verbal as well as nonverbal communication; and,

WHEREAS, the effort to address *Autism* continues, doctors, therapists, and educators can help persons with *Autism* overcome or adjust to its challenges and provide early, accurate diagnosis and the resulting appropriate education, intervention, and therapy that are vital to future growth and development; and,

WHEREAS, ensuring that persons living with *Autism* have access to the lifelong care and services needed to pursue the full measure of personal happiness and achieve their greatest potential; and,

WHEREAS, The Borough of Swedesboro is honored to take part in the annual observance of *Autism Awareness Month and World Autism Awareness Day* in the hope that it will lead to a better understanding of the disorder; and,

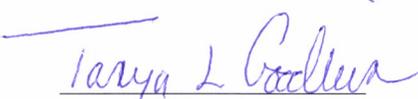
NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, I, Mayor Thomas Fromm and members of council do hereby proclaim *April 2014* as **AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH** and *April 2, 2014* as **WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY** in the Borough of Swedesboro to raise public awareness of *Autism* and the myriad of issues surrounding *Autism*, as well as to increase knowledge of the programs that have been and are being developed to support individuals with *Autism* and their families.

ADOPTED, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2014.

Borough of Swedesboro

  
Thomas Fromm, Mayor

Attest

  
Tanya L. Goodwin, Clerk