



Resolution of the Township of Bernards

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Resolution #2024-0219 Recognizing April as Autism Awareness Month

WHEREAS, Autism, or autism spectrum disorder (ASD), refers to a broad range of conditions characterized by challenges with social skills, repetitive behaviors, speech and nonverbal communication; and

WHEREAS, autism affects an estimated 1 in 54 children in the United States today; and

WHEREAS, while there is no cure for autism, it is well-documented that if individuals with autism receive treatment early in their lives, it often is possible for those individuals to lead significantly improved lives; and

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

WHEREAS, Bernards Parents for Exceptional Children (PEC) was formed in 1985 by local mothers and formally became a 501c3 in the early 2000s, is an organization that is available to any family whose child struggles with behavioral, developmental, emotional, or academic challenges; and

WHEREAS, Bernards PEC in essence serves like a special education PTO representing students and their families in all 6 of the district schools as well as out of district placements. They accomplish these goals through programs, events, education opportunities and their mentoring program offered to the PEC families as well as the community at large.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that we do hereby proclaim April as AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH in the Township of Bernards and encourage residents to show support for autism awareness in order to become better educated on the subject of autistic spectrum disorders.

Agenda Date and Vote: 04/23/2024

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify this is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted
by the Bernards Township Committee on 04/23/2024.

Christine V. Kieffer, Municipal Clerk