

Town of Truro - Autism Awareness Month April 2016

Whereas

Autism is a lifelong neurological disorder with current statistics bringing it to 1 in 68 children being diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder in 2015.

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Prevalence of autism in the U.S. is the fastest-growing developmental disability.

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Autism affects each individual in different ways and can range from very mild to severe; Autism knows no racial, ethnic or social boundaries and affects young and old alike.

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World Autism Awareness Day is observed on April 2 and was adopted by the United Nations in 2007 to shine a bright light on autism as a growing global health priority. Every year on World Autism Awareness Day, Autism Speaks celebrates its international "Light It Up Blue" campaign.

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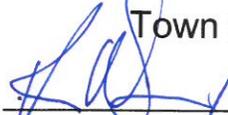
The Light It Up Blue campaign was founded with the intention of spreading awareness and understanding of autism, to celebrate and honor the unique talents and skills of people with autism and to bring attention to the needs of all people with autism and their families. Thousands of iconic landmarks, skyscrapers, schools, businesses and homes across the globe unite by shining bright blue lights in honor of the millions of individuals and families affected by autism.

Whereas

We join the Autism Speaks organization in proclaiming April 2016 as Autism Awareness Month in The Town of Truro, MA and we pledge to Light It Up Blue at all Town Buildings in honor of Autism Awareness Month.

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved, that we the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Truro, MA do hereby proclaim April 2016 as Autism Awareness Month in the Town of Truro in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In Witness Whereof, we have affixed our signatures and the seal of the Town of Truro, MA to this declaration today March 29, 2016.



Paul Wisotzky, Chair



Janet W. Worthington, Vice Chair



Maureen Burgess, Clerk



Jay Coburn



Robert Weinstein