

**RESOLUTION #2016 - 03**

**RESOLUTION OF THE OCEAN COUNTY MAYORS' ASSOCIATION,  
COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,  
PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL AS  
"AUTISM AWARENESS" MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, autism is a pervasive developmental disorder affecting the social, learning and behavioral skills of those affected by it; and

**WHEREAS**, autism was once thought to be a relatively rare disorder, affecting only one in 10,000 people, and

**WHEREAS**, as more and more health professionals become proficient in diagnosing autism, more children are being diagnosed on the autistic spectrum, resulting in rates as high as one in 41 male children in New Jersey; 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

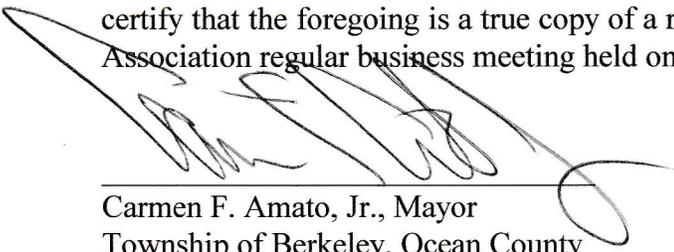
**WHEREAS**, The New Jersey Center for Outreach and Services for the Autism Community (COSAC), and Autism Speaks is spearheading an awareness effort in order to educate parents, professionals and the general public about autism and its effects;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Ocean County Mayors' Association, in the County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim the month of April as "Autism Awareness Month" and urge all Ocean County municipalities and corporate members to participate in Autism Awareness Month, in order to become better educated on the subject of autistic spectrum disorders.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a certified copy shall be sent all Ocean County Mayors.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Carmen F. Amato, Jr., Secretary of the Ocean County Mayors' Association, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution duly adopted at an Ocean County Mayors' Association regular business meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016.

  
Carmen F. Amato, Jr., Mayor  
Township of Berkeley, Ocean County