

**TOWN OF WHITESTOWN, INDIANA  
RESOLUTION NO. 2019-30**

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING “AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH” AND “AUTISM AWARENESS DAY” IN THE TOWN OF WHITESTOWN, INDIANA**

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

WHEREAS, as more health professionals become proficient in diagnosing autism, more children are being diagnosed on the autism spectrum, resulting in rates as high as 1 in 68 children nationally; and

WHEREAS, while there is no cure for autism, it is well-documented that if individuals with autism receive early and intensive treatment throughout their lives, they lead significantly improved lives; and

WHEREAS, individuals with autism often require a lifetime of specialized and community support services to ensure their health and safety and to support families’ resilience as they manage the psychological and financial burdens autism can present; and

WHEREAS, the incidence of autism is an urgent public health crisis that demands support from all levels of government; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to bring attention to the issue of autism in the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has previously declared each respective April as “Autism Awareness Month” and April 2<sup>nd</sup> as “Autism Awareness Day” in the past several years; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to ensure the continued attention to this important issue, the Town Council desires to establish April as “Autism Awareness Month” and April 2<sup>nd</sup> as “Autism Awareness Day” in all future years until further action by the Town Council; and

WHEREAS, the Whitestown Town Council respectfully requests that the Town, through the Town Manager and all other departments, actively promote Autism Awareness Month in Whitestown each year.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town Council of the Town of Whitestown, Indiana, as follows:

Section 1. The Town Council does hereby establish April as AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH and April 2<sup>nd</sup> as AUTISM AWARENESS DAY each year in Whitestown, Indiana.

Section 2. The Town, through the Town Manager and all of its Departments, is hereby charged with the responsibility of actively promoting Autism Awareness Month and Autism Awareness Day in the Town in order to become better educated about autism and create a better community for

individuals with autism. In honor of this event, the Town Council encourages citizens to learn more about autism and what they can do to support individuals on the autism spectrum and their families.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE WHITESTOWN, INDIANA TOWN COUNCIL THIS  
\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE  
TOWN OF WHITESTOWN, INDIANA

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**ATTEST:**

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Matt Sumner, Clerk-Treasurer  
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