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TOWN OF WHITESTOWN, INDIANA
RESOLUTION NO. 2017-06

A RESOLUTION DECLARING APRIL "AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH" 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 Town Council for the Town of Whitestown, Indiana, ("Town Council") wishes to thank the Indiana House of Representatives for recently passing House Bill 1644, calling for a study committee to examine autism-related programs and services, and that bill is now pending before the Indiana Senate; 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 Whitestown Town Council respectfully requests that the Town, through the Town Manager and all other departments, actively promote Autism Awareness Month in Whitestown.

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

Section 1. The Town Council does hereby declare and proclaim April 2, 2017 as Autism Awareness Day and April 2017 as AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH 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 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 15 DAY OF March, 2017.

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THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WHITESTOWN, INDIANA	YAY/NAY
Eric Miller, President	Yes
Susan Austin, Vice-President	Y
Kevin Russell	YAY
Clinton Bohm	YAY
Jeffrey Wishek	YAY

ATTEST:

Matthew Sumner, Clerk-Treasurer
Town of Whitestown, Indiana

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