



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF DELTA
PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING
APRIL AS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH AND
ESTABLISHING APRIL 2 AS "DELTA FOR AUTISM AWARENESS DAY"

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2007 the United Nations General Assembly adopted Resolution 62/139 declaring World Autism Awareness Day (WAAD) to be celebrated April 2, 2008 in perpetuity; and

WHEREAS, WAAD will celebrate the unique talents and skills of persons with autism on April 2, 2019 and individuals with autism are warmly welcomed and embraced in community events around the globe; and

WHEREAS, the month of April is designated as National Autism Awareness Month to increase public awareness of the need to support individuals with autism and the family members, educators and other professionals who teach and care for individuals with autism, and

WHEREAS, in November, 2015, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Health Statistics Report concluded the prevalence of autism spectrum disorder has risen to one in every 45 children in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) represents a broad group of disorders that vary widely from mild to severe, and is characterized by difficulty with social interaction, communication, severely limited interests and repetitive behaviors; and

WHEREAS, Autism knows no racial, ethnic, family, income, lifestyle, social boundaries, or educational levels. It can affect any family and any child; and

WHEREAS, Xavier DeGroat has dedicated his life to educating and promoting community support for those with Autism through the creation of the Xavier DeGroat Autism Foundation; and

WHEREAS, communities have a role, in identifying, assessing, or supporting individuals with ASD and their families.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Delta Township Board does hereby proclaim April as Autism Awareness Month in Delta Township, and encourages our residents to become educated and informed about programs, services, and opportunities to support individuals with autism; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that on this eighteenth day of March, two-thousand nineteen the Delta Township Board does hereby recognize April 2 as International Autism Awareness Day and will henceforth be named "Delta for Autism Awareness Day" in perpetuity.

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