

RESOLUTION 125-16
Sponsored by: Trint Hatt

A RESOLUTION DECLARING APRIL AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

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 City of London would like to spread awareness in an effort to educate parents, professionals and the general public about autism and its effects.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONDON, STATE OF OHIO

SECTION I:

The Council of the City of London does hereby proclaim April as **NATIONAL AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH** in the City of London, and urge all employees and residents to participate in National Autism Awareness Month activities, in order to become better educated about autism and create a better community for individuals with autism.

SECTION II:

That this ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED:

ATTEST:

Arlene Duffey
Clerk of Council

Jennifer Hitt
President of Council

Submitted to Mayor: _____

Date of Approval: _____

APPROVED: