

**CITY COUNCIL**

**The City of Orange Township, New Jersey**

**DATE** April 2, 2024

**NUMBER** 195-2024

**TITLE:** A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP. (Sponsored by Council Member Adrienne Wooten)

**WHEREAS**, autism is a complex neurodevelopmental disorder that affects individuals' social interactions, communication, and behavior; and

**WHEREAS**, autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is a lifelong condition that presents unique challenges and strengths for individuals and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, autism awareness is essential for promoting understanding, acceptance, and inclusion of individuals with autism within our community; and

**WHEREAS**, National Autism Awareness Month is observed annually in April to increase awareness about autism, promote acceptance, and support individuals with autism and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Orange Township recognizes the importance of fostering an inclusive and supportive community where individuals with autism can thrive, achieve their full potential, and contribute their unique talents and perspectives; and

**WHEREAS**, raising awareness about autism and promoting acceptance can lead to greater opportunities, access to services, and improved quality of life for individuals with autism and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Orange Township is committed to promoting autism acceptance and supporting initiatives that enhance the lives of individuals with autism and their families;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the municipal Council of the City of Orange Township hereby recognizes April as National Autism Awareness Month and reaffirms its commitment to raising awareness, promoting acceptance, and supporting individuals with autism and their families within our community; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City Council of Orange Township encourages residents, businesses, schools, and community organizations to participate in activities and events that promote autism awareness and acceptance throughout the month of April; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City Council of Orange Township extends its appreciation to individuals, organizations, and advocates who work tirelessly to raise awareness about autism and promote inclusion and acceptance in our community.

**Adopted:** April 2, 2024

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**Joyce L. Lanier**  
City Clerk

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**Tency A. Eason**  
Council President

