

PROCLAIMS APRIL AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

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

WHEREAS, autism was once thought to be a relatively rare disorder affecting only 1 in 1,000 people; and

WHEREAS, more and 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 150 children nationally and 1 in 94 in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, while there is no cure for autism, it is well-documented that if individuals with autism receive treatment in their lives, it often is possible for those individuals to lead significantly improved lives; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC and the Jersey Shore Women's Club join with women's Clubs throughout the State of New Jersey and with Autism New Jersey (formerly COSAC) to spearhead an awareness effort in order to educate parents, professionals and the general public about autism and its effect.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we the Mayor and Council of Bradley Beach proclaim **APRIL AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH** and the Mayor and Council do hereby join the dedicated volunteers of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC Jersey Shore Woman's Club and Autism New Jersey and urge all employees and residents to participate in Autism Awareness Month activities, in order to become educated on the subject of autism spectrum disorders.

CERTIFICATION

I, Mary Ann Solinski, Municipal Clerk, Borough of Bradley Beach, Monmouth County, New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Mayor and Council at the February 23, 2010 meeting.

MARY ANN SOLINSKI, RMC, CMC
Municipal Clerk