Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

APRIL - AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH
April 2, 2016 World Autism Awareness Day

Whereas, Autism is a complex developmental disability that typically appears during the first three years of life, and it is estimated to occur in one out of every 68 individuals and is five times more prevalent in boys than girls but knows no racial, ethnic, or social boundaries; and

Whereas, Autism affects the normal development of the brain in the areas of reasoning, social interaction and communication skills, and children and adults with autism typically have difficulties in verbal and nonverbal communication, social interaction and leisure activities; and

Whereas, Autism has wide-ranging implications for the entire family of the diagnosed individual, and early diagnosis, research, training, education and therapy are vital to reducing the negative effects of autism; and

Whereas, Significant progress has been made in the last 30 years in the areas of research, medication, diagnosis and therapies for autism, resulting in an improved quality of life for individuals living with autism and for their families; and

Whereas, Autism is a complex disability that requires research to find a cure and prevention, as well as increased recognition and understanding to ensure that individuals with autism are accurately diagnosed and appropriately treated throughout their lives; and

Whereas, **April** is designated as **Autism Awareness Month** and **Saturday, April 2, 2016** is **World Autism Awareness Day**; and

Whereas, Prominent buildings across North America and the world will turn their lights blue or display blue ribbons to raise awareness for Autism and commemorate World Autism Awareness; and

Whereas, It is in our interest as a community to recognize achievements in this field and to continue these efforts by promoting the awareness and fostering the understanding of autism;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, that I, GERALD W.TAMBURRO, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, do hereby proclaim **April** as **AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH** and urge all citizens to **"light it up blue"** on **Saturday, April 2, 2016** in the Township of Monroe.

Dated: March 3, 2016

GERALD W. TAMBURRO, MAYOR