

Office of the Mayor



# Proclamation

APRAXIA AWARENESS DAY  
MAY 14, 2024

- WHEREAS,** May 14, 2024, marks Childhood Apraxia of Speech Day during which awareness will be raised throughout Monroe Township, NJ, about childhood apraxia of speech, an extremely challenging speech disorder that affects 1-in-1,000 children.; and
- WHEREAS,** childhood apraxia of speech (CAS) causes children to have significant difficulty learning to speak and is among the most severe speech deficits in children; and
- WHEREAS,** the act of learning to speak comes effortlessly to most children, those with apraxia require early, appropriate, and intensive speech therapy, often for many years to learn to speak; and
- WHEREAS,** Whereas, without appropriate speech therapy intervention, children with apraxia will have diminished communication skills, but are also placed at high risk for secondary impacts in reading, writing, spelling, and other school-related skills; and
- WHEREAS,** that such primary and secondary impacts diminish future independence and employment opportunities and challenge the ability to become productive, contributing citizens if not resolved or improved; and
- WHEREAS,** Whereas, public awareness about childhood apraxia of speech in Monroe Township, NJ, is essential for families of children with this neurological disorder and the professionals who support them to achieve the needed services for those learning to use their own voice; and
- WHEREAS,** our highest respect goes to these children, as well as their families, for their effort, determination, and resilience in the face of such obstacles; and
- WHEREAS,** Apraxia Kids is the leading nonprofit that strengthens the support systems in the lives of children with apraxia of speech. Please visit [www.apraxia-kids.org](http://www.apraxia-kids.org) for more information.

**NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, that I, STEPHEN DALINA, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, do hereby proclaim May 14, 2024 as Apraxia Awareness Day in the Township of Monroe.**

Dated: May 1, 2024

  
STEPHEN DALINA, MAYOR