

Proclamation

Whereas, Autism, the fastest growing developmental disability in the United States, affecting the social learning and behavioral skills of more than three million people, is an urgent public health crisis that demands a national response; and

Whereas, Autism is the result of a neurological disorder that affects the normal functioning of the human brain, and can affect anyone, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, or socioeconomic background; and

Whereas, symptoms and characteristics of Autism may present themselves in a variety of combinations and can result in significant lifelong impairment of an individual's ability to learn, develop healthy interactive behaviors, and understand verbal as well as nonverbal communication; and

Whereas, the effort to address Autism continues, doctors, therapists, and educators can help people with Autism overcome or adjust to its challenges and provide early, accurate diagnosis and the resulting appropriate education, intervention, and therapy that are vital to future growth and development; and

Whereas, ensuring that people living with Autism have access to the lifelong care and services needed to pursue the full measure of personal happiness and achieve their greatest potential; and

Whereas, Old Bridge is honored to take part in the annual observance of Autism Awareness Month in the hope that it will lead to a better understanding of the disorder; and

Now, Therefore, I, Owen Henry, Mayor of the Township of Old Bridge, Township Council, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim April 2022 as Autism Awareness Month, and urge all citizens of Old Bridge to raise public awareness of Autism and the myriad of issues surrounding it, as well as to increase knowledge of the programs that have been and are being developed to support individuals with Autism and their families.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of Old Bridge Township to be affixed on this 8th day of April, in the year Two Thousand & Twenty-Two.


Owen Henry, Mayor