

**BOROUGH OF BRADLEY BEACH**

**AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, Autism Awareness Month is observed annually in April and each year people across the globe take the time to recognize the millions of people living with Autism and Autism Spectrum Disorder; and

**WHEREAS**, Autism, or Autism Spectrum Disorder is a pervasive developmental disorder affecting communication and behavioral skills of those affected by it; and

**WHEREAS**, while there is no known cure for autism, it is well-documented that if individuals with autism receive early and intensive treatment, they lead significantly improved lives; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals with autism often require a lifetime of specialized and community support services to ensure their health and safety and to support families' resilience as they manage the psychological and financial burdens autism; and

**WHEREAS**, Autism Awareness Month promotes acceptance and celebration of autistic people who are our family members, friends, classmates, co-workers, and community members and the valuable contributions they make to our world; and

**WHEREAS**, Autism is a natural variation of the human experience, and we can all create a world which values includes and celebrates all kinds of minds.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bradley Beach recognizes and proclaims the month of April as:

***“Autism Awareness Month”***

And encourages all citizens to be better informed, more empathetic, and supportive towards people with autism.

Dated this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2023.

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*Mayor, Larry Fox*

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*Council President, Meredith DeMarco*

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