

**TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN**

***PROCLAMATION***

***Autism Awareness Month***

*April 2010*

- 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 State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC and the Jersey Shore Women's Club join the 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 effects;
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, William F. Larkin, Mayor of the Township of Ocean, along with the entire Township Council, do hereby proclaim April as

***Autism Awareness Month***

in the Township of Ocean, New Jersey and 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.

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William F. Larkin, Mayor  
March 15, 2010