

West Deptford Township
Proclamation

WHEREAS, autism is a lifelong neurological disorder with current statistics finding that one in eighty-eight children is diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder; and

WHEREAS, autism affects each individual in different ways, and can range from very mild to severe, knows no racial, ethnic or social boundaries and affects young and old alike; and

WHEREAS, our understanding of autism has grown tremendously since it was first diagnosed, there is no known cure for autism. Accurate, early diagnosis and the resulting appropriate education and intervention are vital to the future growth and development of the individual; and

WHEREAS, hope lies in a broad spectrum of treatments, and in an informed public and community committed to providing support and service to individuals diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorders; and

WHEREAS, Each April 2, Autism Speaks celebrates "Light It Up Blue" along with the international autism community, in commemoration of the United Nations-sanctioned World Autism Day; and

WHEREAS, the residents and businesses of West Deptford Township are encouraged to "Light It Up Blue" to show support for those with Autism.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Mayor Denice DiCarlo proclaim April 2, 2016 as "Light It Up Blue" – World Autism Awareness Day.

PRESENTED this 16th day of March, 2016.

Denice DiCarlo

DENICE DICARLO, MAYOR

