

# THE BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



## RESOLUTION

March 24, 2016

### RECOGNIZING APRIL 2, 2016 AS WORLD AUTISM DAY IN LAKE COUNTY, OHIO

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all the deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal actions, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with legal applications, including Section 121.22 of the Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, autism, the fastest growing developmental disability in the United States, affecting more than three million people, is an urgent public health crisis that demands a response; and

WHEREAS, as more health professionals become proficient in diagnosing autism, more children are being identified who exhibit behaviors on the autism spectrum, at rates as high as one in 68 children, and one in every 42 boys. In Lake County, that means nearly 35 children will be born this year with autism; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the growing needs of the worldwide autistic community who are affected, and to raise awareness about autism spectrum disorders, the United Nations has sanctioned April 2 as World Autism Awareness Day; and

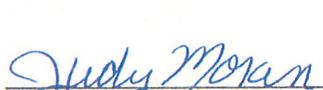
WHEREAS, Autism Speaks, an organization dedicated to funding research on autism and advocating for the needs of individuals with autism and their families, joins the global campaign on World Autism Awareness Day, to participate in "Light It Up Blue!" designed to increase awareness about autism by asking organizations to turn their lights blue.

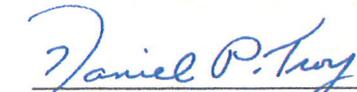
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT KNOWN, the Board of County Commissioners, in and for Lake County, Ohio, proclaims

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and encourages the citizens of our community to gain new insight into the lives of these important members of our community and understanding of the strength our community enjoys from its diversity.

  
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