

**R-63-15**

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS, autism is a pervasive developmental disorder affecting the social, communication and behavioral skills of those affected by it, and,**

**WHEREAS, as 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 68 children nationally and 1 in 45 in New Jersey, and,**

**WHEREAS, while there is no cure for autism, it is well-documented that if individuals with autism receive treatment early in their lives, it often is possible for those individuals to 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 presents,**

**WHEREAS, Autism New Jersey, is spearheading an awareness effort in order to educate parents, professionals and the general public about autism and its effects,**

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wharton do hereby proclaim April 2015 as NATIONAL AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH in the Borough of Wharton.**

**Adopted: March 23, 2015**

**BOROUGH OF WHARTON**

**ATTEST:**

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**WILLIAM J.CHEGWIDDEN,  
MAYOR**

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**Gabrielle Evangelista  
Borough Clerk**