

Proclamation

AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

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

WHEREAS, more than 5 million Americans live with autism, however there has been significant progress made in improving access to opportunities for people with development disabilities in recent years; and

WHEREAS, there are still many barriers people with autism face in their daily lives. In order to improve quality of life for people with autism and their families, the government is committed to funding research to better understand, improve methods for early identification and diagnose and innovative services to treat autism; and

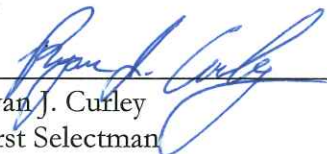
WHEREAS, while educational and social programs are vital to improving opportunities to those with autism there are organizations advocating the expansion of programs beyond school years to provide attention, care and support the wellbeing of those with autism throughout their life; and

WHEREAS, during the month of April, citizens can take the pledge to create a world where people with autism can reach their full potential by increasing understanding and acceptance along with encouraging inclusive employment, living and social environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Ryan J. Curley, First Selectman of the Town of Portland Connecticut, hereby proclaim the month of April as “**Autism Awareness Month**” in the Town of Portland, Connecticut and urge all citizens to become more aware of autism and encourage acceptance, understanding and inclusion with daily acts of kindness in our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do hereby set my hand, and cause the seal of Portland to be affixed this 19th day of April in the year two thousand and twenty-three.

By,



Ryan J. Curley
First Selectman
Town of Portland, Connecticut

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