

# CITY OF BELLE ISLE



## Proclamation

### Autism Awareness Proclamation Month

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,

WHEREAS, while there is no cure for autism, it is well-documented that if individuals with autism receive early and intensive treatment throughout their lives, they 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 can present,

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Mayor Lydia Pisano do hereby proclaim April 2017 as NATIONAL AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH in the City of Belle Isle, and urge all employees and residents to participate in National Autism Awareness month activities, in order to become better educated about autism and create a better community for individuals with autism.

Attest \_\_\_\_\_

Yolanda Quiceno, CMC-City Clerk

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Mayor Lydia Pisano