



**PROCLAMATION
Autism Awareness Month
April 2023**

WHEREAS, autism can affect anyone regardless of race, religion, socio-economic status, or geography; and

WHEREAS, the prevalence of autism in the United States is 1 in 68 children; and

WHEREAS, autism affects more than 3 million people in the United States; and more than 55,000 children and adults with autism are receiving services in the commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, children and adults with autism are our family members, friends, neighbors, and coworkers; and

WHEREAS, each individual with autism is unique, with talents and qualities such as exceptional focus and dedication; and

WHEREAS, individuals with autism benefit from specialized services and community support to ensure their health and safety and full participation in community life, such as Forest/Warren Human Services Early Intervention and Intellectual Disabilities Programs; and

WHEREAS, individuals with autism, families, professionals, and community members are supported through connections with others and the sharing of resources; and

WHEREAS, the resilience of families and individuals with autism is strengthened through support; and

WHEREAS, we value what is important to people with autism and their families, who are striving to live everyday lives; and

WHEREAS, positive outcomes increase for individuals with autism when training is provided to professionals across all systems, including those in justice, healthcare, and emergency response settings; and

WHEREAS, the aims for Autism Awareness Month are to inform the general public about both the potential and needs of people with autism and to stress the importance of early diagnosis and early intervention, as well as the importance of providing appropriate supports that continue through adulthood.

THEREFORE, in recognition of Pennsylvanians diagnosed with autism and their families, We, the Board of Warren County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 2023 as AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH.

We encourage all Pennsylvanians to provide their support in furthering awareness about autism.

ADOPTED, this 8th day of March, 2023.

COMMISSIONERS OF WARREN COUNTY

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Tricia D. Durbin
Chair

Handwritten signature of Benjamin Kafferlin in black ink.

Benjamin Kafferlin
Vice Chair

Handwritten signature of Jeff Eggleston in black ink.

Jeff Eggleston
Commissioner

Attest:

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Pamela J. Matve
Chief Clerk

