

# County of Luzerne

PENNSYLVANIA



## Resolution

### *Proclamation*



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

**WHEREAS**, healthcare professionals are becoming more and more proficient in diagnosing autism, resulting in rates as high as one in 44 children being affected; and

**WHEREAS**, a child is diagnosed with autism every 20 minutes; and

**WHEREAS**, there is no cure for autism, though it is well-documented that if individuals with autism receive treatment early in their lives, it is often possible for those individuals to lead significantly improved lives; and

**WHEREAS**, **Autism Awareness - NEPA** together with area support groups, parents, and family members, local medical and therapy providers, community partners, government bodies, including Luzerne County and its Mental Health and Developmental Services Program, provides support, education, advocacy, healthcare and behavioral therapy to the increasing number of individuals with autism throughout the region; and

**NOW THEREFORE, WE, the Luzerne County Council**, do hereby urge residents of Luzerne County and all of Northeastern Pennsylvania to participate in the Autism Awareness activities in order to become better educated on the subject of autism, and do hereby recognize the month of April in the year 2022 as **Autism Awareness Month** in Luzerne County.

*April 2022*

*Autism Awareness Month in Luzerne County*

**Attest:**

**Luzerne County Council Chair**