

**APRIL IS**  
**AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, Autism Spectrum Disorder (ADS) represents a broad group of disorders that vary widely from mild to severe, and is characterized by difficulty with social interaction, communication, severely limited interests and repetitive behaviors; and

**WHEREAS**, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) studies have indicated that New Jersey has among the highest autism prevalence rated in the country; and

**WHEREAS**, the nature of Autism and other developmental disabilities requires a variety of types of assistance at different points in an individual's life; and

**WHEREAS**, a variety of public and private organizations and agencies strive to provide quality care, support or service to children and adults with Autism to enable them to live as independently as possible and to reach their full potential; and

**WHEREAS**, each organization has a role in identifying, assessing or supporting people with Autism and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, the Office on Autism in the Department of Human Services, State of New Jersey provides a central location to address Autism issues;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Frank Valenzuela**, Mayor of the Township of Rochelle Park, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey do hereby proclaim

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**AS**

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in the Township of Rochelle Park, and encourage our residents to become educated and informed about programs, services and opportunities to support individuals with Autism.

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Frank Valenzuela, Mayor