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## **AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH**

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

WHEREAS, Autism, once thought to be a relatively rare disorder, affecting one in 10,000 people now, according to CDC estimates, affects 1 in 88 children nationally, and 1 in 70 in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the need and demand for autism services continues to increase including early intervention, educational options, and speech and behavioral therapies for children and vocational assistance, social skills training, and housing for adults; and

WHEREAS, the Autism Society of North Carolina and its statewide network of local Chapters and partners continue to provide opportunities to increase awareness and make a difference in the lives of those affected by autism.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED BY the Board of Commissioners for the County of Buncombe as follows:

1. That this Board does hereby proclaim the month of April as

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in Buncombe County.

2. That this Board does hereby encourage the public to learn more about autism and the resources available to help individuals and families affected by the disorder.
3. That this proclamation be effective upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2013.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR  
THE COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE

BY \_\_\_\_\_  
DAVID GANTT, CHAIRMAN