

*Office of the Mayor
Township of Bordentown*

Proclamation

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 59 children nationally and 1 in 34 in New Jersey; 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; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, I, Steve Benowitz, Mayor, of the Township of Bordentown, County of Burlington and State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim **April 2020** as **National Autism Awareness Month** in the Municipality of Bordentown, and urge all employees and residents to participate in our municipality's National Autism Awareness Month activities, in order to become better educated about autism and create a better community for individuals with autism.




STEVE BENOWITZ
MAYOR