

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2014 AS WORLD AUTISM
AWARENESS DAY

WHEREAS, World Autism Awareness Day (WAAD) is celebrated annually on the 2nd day of April;

WHEREAS, WAAD was adopted by the United Nations in 2007 to shine a light on autism as a growing global health crisis;

WHEREAS, WAAD activities increase and develop world knowledge of the autism crisis and impact regarding the importance of early diagnosis and intervention;

WHEREAS, WAAD celebrates the talents and skills of persons with autism and is a day when individuals with autism are welcomed in community events around the globe;

WHEREAS, Autism is one of three health issues to be recognized by the United Nations with its own day;

WHEREAS, several Greensboro families have started a charity called Autism Unbound which arranges social events for families; invests in the Guilford County Schools autism programs; and offer support programs to those with autism in the community;

WHEREAS, Autism Unbound is a local charitable organization dedicated to addressing needs of the autism community in the areas of advocacy, education, training, housing and support;

WHEREAS, Autism Unbound's mission is to enable persons affected by autism spectrum disorders to live more independent, full lives by influencing the future today;

WHEREAS, City Council is being requested to recognize Wednesday, April 2, 2014 as World Autism Awareness Day.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

That Wednesday, April 2, 2014 is hereby recognized as World Autism Awareness Day.