

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2017 AS WORLD AUTISM  
AWARENESS DAY

WHEREAS, World Autism Awareness Day (WAAD) was adopted by the United Nations in 2007 to shine a light on autism as a growing global health concern and is celebrated annually on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April;

WHEREAS, WAAD activities increase and develop world awareness for autism and the impacts 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, local Greensboro community members and parents started a non-profit organization called Autism Unbound which arranges social events for families; invests in Guilford County Schools autism programs; and offers support programs to those with autism in the community;

WHEREAS, Autism Unbound is dedicated to addressing the needs 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 embracing the future today;

WHEREAS, City Council is being requested to recognize Sunday, April 2, 2017 as World Autism Awareness Day.

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

That Sunday, April 2, 2017 is hereby recognized as World Autism Awareness Day.