## RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF APRIL AS WORLD AUTISM MONTH AND APRIL 2, 2018 AS WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY

WHEREAS, autism spectrum disorders are a broad range of conditions characterized by challenges with social skills, repetitive behaviors, speech, and nonverbal communication;

WHEREAS, autism spectrum disorders affect at least one in sixty-eight children and an unknown number of adults in the United State of all genders, races, ethnicities, and socioeconomic backgrounds;

WHEREAS, early, accurate diagnosis and appropriate education, intervention, and supports are vital to the well-being of those with autism spectrum disorders;

WHEREAS, persons with an autism spectrum disorder should have access to the care, services, and opportunities they need to be happy and to achieve their greatest potential;

WHEREAS, the City Council, on behalf of the citizens of Greensboro wishes to take part in the annual observance of World Autism Month and World Autism Awareness Day in the hope that it will lead to additional research, a better understanding, and acceptance of autism spectrum disorder.

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

That it hereby takes part in the annual observance of World Autism Month and recognizes April 2, 2018 as World Autism Awareness Day to raise public understanding of autism spectrum disorder.