

**Lee County Board Of County Commissioners
Agenda Item Summary**

Blue Sheet No. 20070468

1. ACTION REQUESTED/PURPOSE:
Ceremonial Resolution Recognizing Autism Awareness Month

2. FUNDING SOURCE:

3. WHAT ACTION ACCOMPLISHES:

4. MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATION: Approve

5. Departmental Category: CP 2

6. Meeting Date: 04/03/2007

7. Agenda:
 Consent
 Administrative
 Appeals
 Public
 Walk-On

8. Requirement/Purpose: (specify)
 Statute
 Ordinance
 Admin. Code
 Other

9. Request Initiated:
 Commissioner _____
 Department County
Commission
 Division _____
 By: _____

10. Background:

11. Review for Scheduling:

Department Director	Purchasing or Contracts	Human Resources	Other	County Attorney	Budget Services				County Manager/P. W. Director
					Analyst	Risk	Grants	Mgr.	

12. Commission Action:

Approved
 Deferred
 Denied
 Other



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RESOLUTION

- Whereas:** Autism is a complex developmental disability that typically appears during the first three years of life and continues for a life span, is estimated to occur in one out of every 150 individuals, and is four times more prevalent in boys than girls – but knows no racial, ethnic, or social boundaries; and
- Whereas:** Autism affects the normal development of the brain in the areas of reasoning, social interaction and communication skills. Children and adults with autism typically have difficulties in verbal and nonverbal communication, social interaction and leisure activities; and
- Whereas:** Autism has wide-ranging implications for the entire family of the diagnosed individual, and early diagnosis, research, training, education and therapy are vital to reducing the negative effects of autism; and
- Whereas:** Significant progress has been made in the last 30 years in the areas of research, medication, diagnosis and therapies for autism, resulting in an improved quality of life for individuals living with autism and for their families; and
- Whereas:** Autism requires research to find a cure and prevention, as well as increased recognition and understanding to ensure that individuals with autism are accurately diagnosed and appropriately treated throughout their lives; and
- Whereas:** It is in our interest as a community to recognize achievements in this field and to continue these efforts by promoting awareness and fostering the understanding of autism.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Board of County Commissioners of Lee County, Florida that we do hereby proclaim the month of April 2007, as:

“Autism Awareness Month”

Duly Executed this 3rd day of April, 2007.



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

Chairman