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Title: NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby ask for all Pittsburghers to help raise the public awareness of autism to create more inclusive and understanding communities for individuals with autism and their families; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare the month of April 2025 to be "Autism Awareness Month" in the City of Pittsburgh.

Sponsors: Theresa Kail-Smith, All Members

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WHEREAS, autism is the fastest growing developmental disability in the United States. The most recent CDC data indicates that approximately 1 in 36 children and an estimated 5.4 million adults have been identified with autism spectrum disorder; and,

WHEREAS, autism is the result of a neurological disorder that affects the normal functioning of the human brain, and can affect anyone, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, or socioeconomic background; and,

WHEREAS, symptoms and characteristics of autism may present themselves in a variety of combinations and can result in significant lifelong impairment of an individual's ability to learn, develop healthy interactive behaviors, and understand verbal as well as nonverbal communication; and

WHEREAS, while the effort to address autism continues, doctors, therapists, and educators can help persons with autism overcome or adjust to its challenges by providing early, accurate diagnoses and the resulting appropriate education, intervention, and therapy that are so vital to an effected individual's growth and development; and,

WHEREAS, it should be the shared goal of all residents of our city to ensure that persons living with autism have access to the lifelong care and services needed to pursue the fullest measure of personal happiness and achieve their greatest potential; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Pittsburgh is honored to take part in the annual observance of Autism Awareness Month in the hope that it will lead to a better understanding of the disorder in our communities; and,

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