



PROCLAMATION

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Autism Awareness Month April 2010

- WHEREAS:** Autism is a pervasive developmental disorder affecting the social, learning and behavioral skill of those affected by it, and
- WHEREAS:** Autism was once thought to be a relatively rare disorder, affecting only one in 10,000 people, and
- WHEREAS:** As more and more health professionals become proficient in diagnosing autism, more children are being diagnosed on the autistic spectrum, resulting in rates as low as one in 110 children, one in 94 in New Jersey, and
- WHEREAS:** While there is no cure for autism, it is well-documented that if an individual with autism receives treatment early in their lives, it is often possible for that individual to make significant improvement, and
- WHEREAS:** Impact OASIS (Ongoing Autistic Success in Society) is spearheading awareness effort in order to educate parents, professionals, and our community about autism and its effects. Now
- THEREFORE:** I, Mayor Gerard P. Scharfenberger and the Middletown Township Committee do hereby proclaim April 2010 as AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH in Middletown Township, New Jersey and urge all employees and residents to participate in our municipality's Autism Awareness Month activities, in order to become better educated on the subject of autistic spectrum disorders.

Mayor Gerard P. Scharfenberger, Ph.D.