



PROCLAMATION

Special Recognition of 2016 World Autism Awareness Day & Autism Awareness Month

WHEREAS, autism, the fastest growing developmental disability in the United States, affecting more than three million people, is an urgent public health crisis that demands a national response; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the growing needs of the worldwide autistic community and to raise awareness about autism spectrum disorders and the need to provide services to individuals and families who are affected, the United Nations has sanctioned April 2nd as World Autism Awareness Day; and

WHEREAS, Autism Speaks, an organization dedicated to funding research on autism and advocating for the needs of individuals with autism and their families, promotes the awareness of autism worldwide; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hudson is honored to take part in the annual observance of Autism Awareness Month and World Autism Awareness Day in the hope that it will lead to a better understanding of the disorder.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, David A. Basil, Mayor of the City of Hudson, Ohio, do hereby proclaim April 2, 2016 as **WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY** and April 2016 as **AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH** in Hudson to raise public awareness of autism and the myriad of issues surrounding autism, as well as to increase knowledge of the programs that have been and are being developed to support individuals with autism and their families.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF:

I have hereunto set my hand and caused
the Seal of the City of Hudson to be
affixed on this 15th day of March, 2016.

David A. Basil, Mayor
City of Hudson, Ohio