



PROCLAMATION

April 15, 2025

RECOGNIZING APRIL AS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is a complex neurodevelopmental condition that affects individuals in unique ways, impacting communication, social interaction, and behavior; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that approximately 1 in 36 children in the United States are diagnosed with ASD, highlighting the significant presence of individuals with autism within our communities; and

WHEREAS, increasing public awareness and understanding of autism is crucial for fostering inclusive and supportive environments where individuals with autism can thrive and reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, recognizing and celebrating the unique strengths and talents of individuals with autism enriches our community and promotes a culture of acceptance and respect; and

WHEREAS, providing access to early intervention services, education, and support systems is essential for improving outcomes and quality of life for individuals with autism and their families; and

WHEREAS, Autism Awareness Month provides a valuable opportunity to promote education, advocate for the needs of the autism community, and encourage a greater understanding and acceptance of autism spectrum disorder; and

WHEREAS, King George County is committed to fostering an inclusive and supportive community for all its residents, including individuals with autism and their families.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the King George County Board of Supervisors that the month of April 2025 be recognized as Autism Awareness Month in King George County, Virginia, and that residents are encouraged to participate in activities and initiatives that promote autism awareness, understanding, acceptance, and inclusion throughout the month of April and beyond.

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