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RESOLUTION 2021-2

PROCLAIMING APRIL AS “AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH” IN CLINTON COUNTY AND DESIGNATING APRIL 2 AS “CLINTON COUNTY FOR AUTISM AWARENESS DAY”

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2007 the United Nations General Assembly adopted Resolution 62/139 declaring World Autism Awareness Day (WAAD) to be celebrated April 2, 2008 in perpetuity; and

WHEREAS, WAAD will celebrate the unique talents and skills of persons with autism on April 2, 2021 and individuals with autism are warmly welcomed and embraced in community events around the globe; and

WHEREAS, the month of April is designated as National Autism Awareness Month to increase public awareness of the need to support individuals with autism and the family members, educators and other professionals who teach and care for individuals with autism; and

WHEREAS, according to autism speaks, current findings estimate autism affects 1 in 45, or 2.21 percent, of U.S. adults. In 2020, the CDC released an estimate that 1 in 54, or 1.85 percent, of children in the U.S. has autism.

WHEREAS, Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) represents a broad group of disorders that vary widely from mild to severe, and is characterized by difficulty with social interaction, communication, severely limited interests and repetitive behaviors; and

WHEREAS, autism knows no racial, ethnic, family, income, lifestyle, social boundaries, or educational levels, it can affect any family and any child; and

WHEREAS, Xavier DeGroat has dedicated his life to educating and promoting community support for those with autism through the creation of the Xavier DeGroat Autism Foundation; and

WHEREAS, communities have a role, in identifying, assessing, or supporting individuals with ASD and their families.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clinton County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims April as Autism Awareness Month in Clinton County, and encourages our residents to become educated and informed about programs, services, and opportunities to support individuals with autism spectrum disorder.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Clinton County will recognize April 2 as International Autism Awareness Day and will henceforth be named “Clinton County for Autism Awareness Day” in perpetuity.

STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF CLINTON

I, DIANE ZUKER, Clerk of the County of Clinton do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Clinton County Board of Commissioners at the regular meeting held March 30, 2021 and is on file in the records of this office.

Diane Zuker, Clinton County Clerk