

RESOLUTION NO. 39-19
Autism Awareness Month

WHEREAS, Autism is defined by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), as “a developmental disability significantly affecting verbal and nonverbal communication and social interaction, generally evident before age three, that adversely affects a child’s educational performance”; and

WHEREAS, Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) affects one in every sixty-eight children in the US, and manifests as a wide range of the above characteristics ranging from above average to below average ability, socialization, and communication levels; and

WHEREAS, students with ASD, can achieve success in school when provided with accommodations, visual supports, behavior self-management strategies, and social communication skills; and

WHEREAS, many students with ASD grow up to become independent, with successful jobs; and

WHEREAS, World Autism Awareness Day is April 2, 2019, and April 2019 has been designated National Autism Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, the Davis Joint Unified School District proudly serves the educational, social, emotional, and career preparation needs of students with ASD ages 3 - 22; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Davis Joint Unified School District declares the month of April 2019 as Autism Awareness Month; and that all schools be encouraged to commemorate this occasion with appropriate, meaningful instructional activities that promote awareness.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 18th day April 2019.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Bob Poppenga, President, Board of Education
Davis Joint Unified School District

Attest:

John A. Bowes, Ed.D., Secretary, Board of Education