

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 18, 2018

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL AUTISM AWARENESS
MONTH IN EATON COUNTY**

Introduced by Commissioner Barb Rogers

Commissioner Rogers moved the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Barnes.

WHEREAS, autism is a developmental disorder affecting the social, communication and behavioral skills of those affected by it, and

WHEREAS, as more health professionals become proficient in diagnosing autism, more children are being diagnosed on the autism spectrum, resulting in rates as high as 1 in 68 children nationally; and

WHEREAS, while there is no cure for autism, it is well-documented that if individuals with autism receive early and intensive treatment throughout their lives, they lead significantly improved lives; and

WHEREAS, individuals with autism often require a lifetime of specialized and community support services to ensure their health and safety and to support families' resilience as they manage the psychological and financial burdens autism can present; and

WHEREAS, through research, training, public services, support groups, advocacy, and increased awareness we will be more understanding, inclusive, and better equipped to support the growing number of individuals with autism and their families.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners honor and support individuals with autism and acknowledge the tremendous courage that they and their families put forth every day and does hereby proclaim April 2018 as Autism Awareness Month in Eaton County. Carried.