

**Proclamation**  
**Recognizing Autism Awareness Month**

**WHEREAS**, Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is a developmental disability that affects communication, behavior, and social interaction, and impacts individuals and families across our community and nation; and

**WHEREAS**, ASD is recognized as a spectrum condition, with individuals experiencing a wide range of strengths and challenges that may require varying levels of support; and

**WHEREAS**, Autism encompasses conditions that were previously diagnosed separately, including autistic disorder, Asperger syndrome, and pervasive developmental disorder not otherwise specified (PDD-NOS), which are now collectively identified as Autism Spectrum Disorder; and

**WHEREAS**, increased awareness and understanding of Autism Spectrum Disorder are essential to promoting early identification, encouraging timely access to services, and supporting individuals with ASD and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals with ASD may experience differences in communication, social interaction, and behavior, and greater public awareness can help foster understanding and reduce stigma; and

**WHEREAS**, the month of April provides an opportunity to raise public awareness about Autism Spectrum Disorder and to educate our community about the experiences and needs of individuals with ASD.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that I, Mayor Jason F. Cilento, and the Dunellen Borough Council recognize April 2026 as Autism Awareness Month in the Borough of Dunellen, and urge our community to help others in creating awareness and acceptance for this disorder.



Jason F. Cilento, Mayor  
Borough of Dunellen  
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