

A Resolution of the School Board of Volusia County, Florida
Proclaiming April 2019 as "Autism Awareness Month"
for the School District of Volusia County

KNOW ALL CITIZENS BY THESE PRESENTS, that the Volusia County School Board, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, hereby recognizes the month of April 2019 as Autism Awareness Month.

Whereas, Autism Spectrum Disorder is a neurological difference that can affect anyone, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, or socioeconomic background; and

Whereas, Autism Spectrum Disorder affects 1 in 59 children in the United States and Volusia County School mirrors this incident rate by identifying 1,122 students as having Autism Spectrum Disorder (i.e 1.7% of the total student population) in 2019; and

Whereas, Males are almost 4 times more likely to have Autism Spectrum Disorder than females; and

Whereas, Autism Spectrum Disorder is estimated to be the fastest growing developmental disability in the United States by The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring (ADDM); and

Whereas, individuals with autism are individuals first and foremost with unique strengths and abilities; and

Whereas, Symptoms and characteristics of Autism Spectrum Disorder present themselves in a variety of combinations and can result in lifelong impacts of an individual's ability to learn, develop relationships, and understand verbal and nonverbal communication; and

Whereas, Early diagnosis and intervention, as well as ongoing support from family, doctors, therapists and educators can positively impact people with Autism Spectrum Disorder to achieve better outcomes and a higher quality of life; and

Whereas, People with Autism Spectrum Disorder should have access to appropriate services throughout their lifetime, so that they may achieve their greatest potential and lead happy and productive lives fully included within their communities; and

Whereas, the School Board of Volusia County prides itself on being pupil centered, and where our schools and community are committed to developing programs, and providing services that meet the diverse academic and social needs of all of our student body, including those with autism;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD OF VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN OFFICIAL SESSION, DULY ASSEMBLED IN DELAND, FLORIDA, THIS 9th DAY OF APRIL, 2019, AS FOLLOWS:

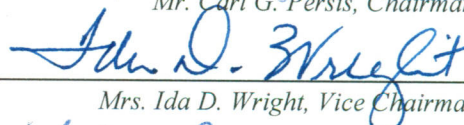
Section 1. The School Board of Volusia County, Florida, on behalf of all students and personnel does hereby resolve to proclaim the month of April, 2019 as "Autism Awareness Month" for Volusia County Schools; and.

Section 2: That a copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official minutes of the School Board of Volusia County, Florida, distributed to all public schools and appropriated governmental bodies in Volusia County, Florida.

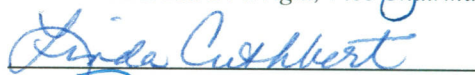
PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 9th DAY OF APRIL 2019
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF VOLUSIA COUNTY



Mr. Carl G. Persis, Chairman



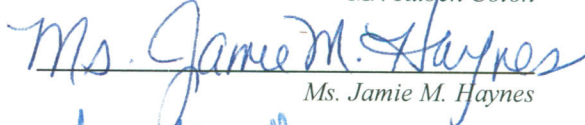
Mrs. Ida D. Wright, Vice Chairman



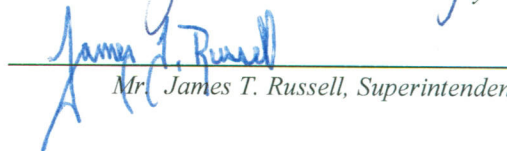
Mrs. Linda Cuthbert



Mr. Ruben Colón



Ms. Jamie M. Haynes



Mr. James T. Russell, Superintendent