

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-22
INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR PATRICK WARD
AND ALL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

**A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF
APRIL AS “AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH” IN THE
CITY OF LYNDHURST, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN
EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, the City of Lyndhurst is a community of compassionate residents, dedicated to being a wonderful place to live and to raise a family; and

WHEREAS, autism spectrum disorder is a complex disability requiring greater recognition and understanding to ensure that all individuals living with autism spectrum disorder are accurately diagnosed and appropriately supported throughout their lives; and

WHEREAS, autism spectrum disorder is the fastest growing developmental disability in the United States affecting more than three million people, and which is an urgent public health crisis that demands a national response; and

WHEREAS, autism is defined by a certain set of behaviors and is a “spectrum disorder” that affects individuals differently and to varying degrees; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the growing needs of the worldwide autistic community, and in order to raise awareness about autism spectrum disorders and the need to provide services to individuals and families who are affected, the United Nations has sanctioned April 2 as World Autism Awareness Day; and

WHEREAS, Autism Speaks, an organization dedicated to funding research on autism and advocating for the needs of individuals with autism and their families, promotes the awareness of autism worldwide; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lyndhurst is honored to take part in the annual observance of Autism Awareness Month in the hope that it will lead to a better understanding of the disorder, and will raise public awareness of autism and the myriad of issues surrounding autism, as well as increase knowledge of the programs that have been and are being developed to support individuals with autism and their families. Now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LYNDHURST, STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

SECTION 1. The Council of the City of Lyndhurst hereby proclaims April as Autism Awareness Month in the City of Lyndhurst in recognition of all who are affected by autism.

SECTION 2. The Clerk of Council is hereby directed to transmit an electronic copy of this Resolution to Autism Speaks at www.autismspeaks.org.

SECTION 3. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees, that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 4. This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the City for the reason that it is necessary to implement the aforesaid so that the same are effective as of April, 2016. Therefore this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon the affirmative vote of not less than five members elected to Council and signature by the Mayor or otherwise at the earliest time allowed by law.

PASSED: April 4, 2016

MAYOR

VICE-MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
Clerk of Council

I, the undersigned Clerk of Council of the City of Lyndhurst, hereby certify that there is no newspaper published or having an office of publication in said City, and that I published the foregoing Resolution by advertising the same by title on one day in each of two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in said City, on April 14, 2016 and April 21, 2016.

Clerk of Council

First Reading: April 4, 2016

Second Reading: Suspended

Third Reading: Suspended

Passed 4-4-2016