

Resolution

CENTRAL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NUMBER 18/19-30

Recognizing

AUTISM AWARENESS WEEK

APRIL 8th – 12th, 2019

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Central Unified School District has adopted and entrusts all district personnel to uphold our Guiding Principles, Beliefs, Vision, Mission, Goals and Core Values for every student, in every classroom, every day; and

Recognizing the importance of autism awareness, supporting efforts to increase funding for research into the causes of and, providing supports and services to people affected by autism and, to improve training and support for individuals who care for people with autism.

WHEREAS autism is a developmental disorder that is typically diagnosed during the first 3 years of life, affecting an individual's ability to communicate and interact with others;

WHEREAS autism affects an estimated 1 in every 68 children in the United States;

WHEREAS autism is 5 times more likely to occur in boys than in girls;

WHEREAS autism can affect anyone, regardless of race, ethnicity, or other factors;

WHEREAS the United Nations has a World Autism Awareness Day, to be observed every year beginning in 2008, increasing public awareness worldwide of the need to support individuals with autism and the family members, teachers, physicians, and other professionals who care for individuals with autism:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Central Unified School District does hereby proclaim April 8th through April 12th, 2019 as Autism Awareness Week and:

- (1) recognizes and commends the parents, relatives and professionals of individuals with autism for their sacrifice and dedication in providing for the special needs of individuals with autism;
- (2) supports the goal of increasing Federal and State funding for aggressive research to learn the root causes of autism, identify those affected by the disorder, determine the best methods of early intervention and treatment, expand programs for individuals with autism across their lifespan, and promote understanding of the special needs of people with autism;


- (3) stresses the need to begin early intervention services soon after a child has been diagnosed with autism, noting that early intervention strategies are the primary therapeutic options for young people with autism, and that early intervention significantly improves the outcome for people with autism and can reduce the level of funding and services needed to treat people with autism later in life;
- (4) recognizes the importance of worker training programs that are tailored to the needs of developmentally disabled persons, including those with autism, and note that people with autism can be, and are, productive members of the workforce if they are given appropriate support, training, and early intervention services;
- (5) emphasizes the importance of recognizing the inherent dignity of all individuals with developmental disorders;
- (6) Stresses that individuals with autism, like other Americans, should have the opportunity to realize their ambitions and lead rewarding lives; and
- (7) Joins with the members of the United Nations in promoting awareness of autism spectrum disorders in all regions of the world.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that everyone in our society is responsible to make our state, community, and Central Unified more responsive to needs of children with Autism.

The foregoing resolution in the Matter of Proclaiming the week of April 8th through April 12th, 2019 as “Autism Awareness Week”.


Approved this 26th day of March, 2019.

Ayes: 7
Noes: 0
Absent: 0
Abstention: 0



Mrs. Terry Cox
President, Board of Trustees





Mr. Andrew G. Alvarado
District Superintendent