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RESOLUTION April Autism Awareness Month

RESOLUTION OF THE Central Labor Council of Contra Costa County, AFL-CIO,
PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL AS "AUTISM AWARENESS" MONTH

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

WHEREAS, autism was once thought to be a relatively rare disorder, affecting only one in 10,000 people, and

WHEREAS, as more and more health professionals become proficient in diagnosing autism, more children are being diagnosed on the autistic spectrum, resulting in rates as high as one in 88 children and one in 53 male children across the country, and

WHEREAS, while there is no cure for autism, it is well-documented that if individuals with autism receive treatment early in their lives, it often is possible for those individuals to lead significantly improved lives; and

WHEREAS, Autism Speaks is Nationally spearheading an awareness effort in order to educate parents, professionals and the general public about autism and its effects, in addition to providing research, advocacy and services to those affected with Autism and their families

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, Central Labor Council of Contra Costa County, AFL-CIO, do hereby proclaim the month of April as "Autism Awareness Month" in order to urge all residents and union members to participate in Autism Awareness Month, in order to become better educated on the subject of autistic spectrum disorders, and in turn help to educate our communities abroad.