

**MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION  
DESIGNATING MONDAY APRIL 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012  
AS AUTISM AWARENESS DAY AND  
APRIL AS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, Autism is fast becoming an epidemic with no known cause or cure; and

**WHEREAS**, Autism robs families of the child they thought they had and immediately changes life for the entire family forever; and

**WHEREAS**, a different parent hears their child has autism every 15 minutes; and

**WHEREAS**, money and time involved in treating autism is staggering – not to mention the emotional pull of every single day; and

**WHEREAS**, school districts are already bending under the load since 70% of those diagnosed are under the age of 18; and

**WHEREAS**, many of these children will have to be cared for throughout adulthood resulting in a huge burden for Cities, States and Nations; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2007, the United Nations adopted a resolution naming April 2<sup>nd</sup> as *World Autism Awareness Day*; and

**WHEREAS**, Autism Speaks, the world's largest autism science and advocacy organization created *Light It Up Blue* to shine a light on autism during the month of April; and

**WHEREAS**, last year over 1,800 iconic landmarks all over the world turned their lighting blue from Niagara Falls, Rockefeller Center, Radio City Music Hall, the New York Stock Exchange and the Empire State Building in New York City to Christ the Redeemer Statue in Brazil as well as the Cairo Tower in Egypt, the Hungarian Parliament, the Sydney Opera House in Australia; and

**WHEREAS**, the Greater Austin Area will be celebrating *Light It Up Blue* for the first year; and

**WHEREAS**, buildings all over the Austin area will be changing their lighting to blue;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that, I, Mayor Jeff Coleman, do hereby proclaim **APRIL 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012 AS AUTISM AWARENESS DAY AND APRIL AS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH** in the City of Pflugerville, Texas.

In Witness Whereof, I cause the Official Seal of the City of Pflugerville to be affixed this 27th day of March, 2012.

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Jeff Coleman, Mayor

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Karen Thompson, City Secretary