



State of New Jersey  
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Adoption Resolution  
April 3, 2024

**Resolution in Recognition of Autism Acceptance Month in New Jersey**

**Whereas**, the month of April is globally acknowledged as Autism Acceptance Month, dedicated to increasing awareness, understanding, and acceptance of autism spectrum disorder; and

**Whereas**, it is important to recognize and support individuals with autism by fostering a learning environment and community that embraces neurodiversity and promotes inclusivity; and

**Whereas**, autism spectrum disorders are characterized by a range of challenges and strengths, impacting social communication, behavior, and sensory experiences; and

**Whereas**, raising acceptance and awareness about autism is essential in promoting early diagnosis, intervention, and access to appropriate resources and support; and

**Whereas**, creating an inclusive and supportive environment for individuals with autism involves promoting understanding, empathy, and acceptance within schools, workplaces, homes, and communities; and

**Whereas**, the New Jersey State Board of Education and the Acting Commissioner of Education acknowledge the importance of fostering understanding and support for individuals on the autism spectrum and recognizing their unique social and emotional needs; and

**Whereas**, creating inclusive and supportive learning environments that cultivate positive relationships, understanding, and empathy for all students, including those with autism, is integral to the mission of the Department of Education; and

**Whereas**, the New Jersey State Board of Education and the Acting Commissioner of Education are committed to promoting inclusive practices within educational settings to ensure safe, supportive, and equitable learning environments for all; and

**Whereas**, collaboration among schools, families, and the broader community is essential to enhancing acceptance and understanding of autism and to furthering inclusive practices that benefit every student; and

**Whereas**, the New Jersey State Board of Education and the Acting Commissioner of Education recognize the ongoing efforts required to advance autism acceptance and awareness, contributing to the creation of a more compassionate and inclusive community; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved**, that the New Jersey State Board of Education and the Acting Commissioner of Education hereby recognize April 2024 as Autism Acceptance Month in New Jersey.

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Kevin Dehmer, Acting Commissioner  
Acting Secretary, N.J. State Board of Education

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Kathy Goldenberg, President  
N.J. State Board of Education