



State of New Jersey
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Adoption Resolution
April 8, 2026

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 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 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 New Jersey Department of Education; and

Whereas, the New Jersey State Board of Education and the 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 awareness and understanding of autism and to furthering inclusive practices that benefit every student; and

Whereas, the New Jersey State Board of Education and the Commissioner of Education recognize the ongoing efforts required to advance autism awareness and acceptance, 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 Commissioner of Education hereby recognize April 2026 as Autism Awareness Month in New Jersey.

Dr. Lily Laux, Commissioner
Secretary, N.J. State Board of Education

Kathy Goldenberg, President
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