

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Autism Spectrum Disorders are Pervasive Developmental Disorders which may affect the communication, social, and behavior skills of those impacted by it; and

WHEREAS, each year 1 in 150 children globally will be diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder; and

WHEREAS, over 1.7 million Americans are individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders; and

WHEREAS, over 700 students with Autism Spectrum Disorders are served in Hillsborough County Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, Autism Spectrum Disorders have wide-ranging implications for the entire family of the diagnosed individual; and

WHEREAS, it is known that with proper education and training, individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders can lead distinguished, productive lives and reach their fullest potential;

NOW, THEREFORE, The School Board of Hillsborough County, Florida, hereby proclaims the month of April 2008...

Autism Spectrum Disorders Awareness Month

and supports the purposes and practices to increase awareness of Autism Spectrum Disorders and urges compassion in our schools and community.

Superintendent

School Board Chair

April 15, 2008

Date