## **PROCLAMATION** Autism Awareness Month April

*WHEREAS*, autism is a lifelong neurological disorder, with current statistics bringing it to one in every one hundred and ten children being diagnosed in the autistic spectrum; and

*WHEREAS*, autism prevalence rate now places it as the third most common developmental disability in the country today; and

*WHEREAS*, autism can result in difficulties in communication, socialization, sensory perception and behavior, with difficulties ranging from mild to severe; and

WHEREAS, autism knows no racial, ethnic or social boundaries; and

*WHEREAS*, our understanding of autism has grown tremendously since it was first diagnosed in 1943, but there is still much to learn; now

*THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED* that the Alameda Unified School District Board of Education hereby recognizes the month of April as Autism Awareness Month.

## PASSED AND ADOPTED this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2015.

Ayes: Members:

Noes: Members:

Absent: Members:

Barbara Kahn, President Board of Education Alameda Unified School District

ATTEST:

By:\_\_\_

Secretary of the Board of Education Alameda Unified School District