



The Board of County Commissioners

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, April is International Autism Acceptance Month, a time when our nation reflects on the unique skills individuals with autism spectrum disorder share with our community; and

WHEREAS, Family Initiative is instrumental in serving children, adolescents, and young adults on the autism spectrum through support programs, clinical services, education, and advocacy. This work is done in collaboration with the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, the Department of Children and Families, and the Agency of Health Care Administration; and

WHEREAS, Family Initiative proudly offers these services throughout Southwest Florida with the support of the Collaboratory and the United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades, and Okeechobee Counties; and

WHEREAS, Family Initiative reports serving over 2,600 unique families throughout Southwest Florida each year and continues to grow to meet the needs of the autism community; and

WHEREAS, it is critical that we provide individuals on the autism spectrum access to the resources and opportunities they need to reach their full potential and assist them in being successful in all environments; and

WHEREAS, each year in April Family Initiative hosts numerous county wide events to recognize and support individuals on the autism spectrum throughout our community, along with the invaluable business, philanthropic, and community stakeholders who support our mission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of County Commissioners of Lee County, Florida, does hereby proclaim April 2024 as

AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH

in Lee County.

Duly executed this 2nd day of April 2024.



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Lawrence". The signature is written over a horizontal line.

Chair