

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, autism is a pervasive developmental disorder affecting the social, communication and behavioral skills of those affected by it; and,

WHEREAS, as more health professionals become proficient in diagnosing autism, more children are being diagnosed on the autism spectrum, resulting in rates as high as 1 in 88 children nationally; and,

WHEREAS, while there is no cure for autism, it is well-documented that if individuals with autism receive treatment early in their lives, it often is possible for those individuals to lead significantly improved lives; and,

WHEREAS, individuals with autism often require a lifetime of specialized and community support services to ensure their health and safety and to support families' resilience as they manage the psychological and financial burdens autism presents;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, I, Rodney S. Craig, President of the Village of Hanover Park, representing the citizens of the Village of Hanover Park, ask that all citizens join me in proclaiming

April 2013

as

National Autism Awareness Month

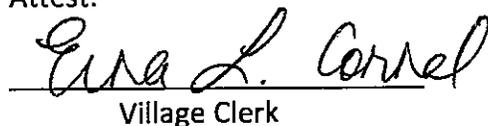
and urge all employees and residents to observe the month by becoming better educated on the subject of autism spectrum disorders and by learning about people with autism, their strengths, abilities, and the programs which serve their needs.

Dated this 18th day of April, 2013.



Village President

Attest:



Village Clerk