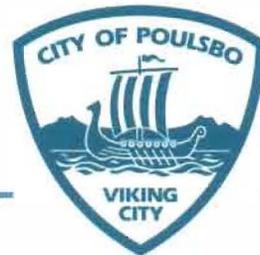


City of Poulsbo

Office of Mayor Rebecca Erickson



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, autism spectrum disorder is a lifelong developmental disability resulting in significant impairment of an individual's ability to learn, reason, socially interact, and understand verbal, nonverbal, and reciprocal communication; and

WHEREAS, autism spectrum disorders that are diagnosed in one in 150 children in the United States, affecting four times as many boys as girls; and

WHEREAS, although a cure for autism spectrum disorder has not been found, accurate, early diagnosis and the resulting appropriate education and intervention can help persons with autism spectrum disorder reach their maximum potential; and

WHEREAS, autism spectrum disorder has wide-ranging implications for the entire family of the diagnosed individual early diagnosis, research, training, education, therapies, information, resources and support are vital to reducing the effects of autism; and

WHEREAS, the Arc of Kitsap and Jefferson Counties and their group Autism Support Information and Fun for Kitsap County (AS IF) strives to increase autism awareness and encourages meaningful participation and self-determination in all aspects of life for individuals with autism spectrum disorders and their families; and

WHEREAS, the Arc of Kitsap and Jefferson Counties has joined with the Autism Society of America, Autism Society of Washington, Autism Speaks and the numerous other autism groups and families nationally in declaring April 2010 as Autism Awareness Month and are calling on all Poulsbo residents to observe this occasion with appropriate ceremonies and activities;

THEREFORE, I, Rebecca Erickson, Mayor of the City of Poulsbo, Washington, do hereby proclaim April as **AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH** in Poulsbo, WA, and encourage the participation of all citizens in learning about Autism.



DATED this 1st day of April, 2010

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rebecca Erickson".

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