

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

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The Long Beach Education Foundation and Verizon are collaborating with Long Beach Unified School District, Long Beach City College and California State University Long Beach through Seamless Education to increase Autism Awareness in the Greater Long Beach Community. On-going collaboration among families, schools, universities, and community agencies is critical in addressing the autism epidemic. It is essential that children with Autism Spectrum Conditions are diagnosed early and provided with evidence-based interventions and treatments to reach their full potential. The autism epidemic has increased from 1 in 10,000 in 1993, to 1 in 110 children in 2010, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Board of Supervisors declare the month of April as “Autism Awareness Month” throughout Los Angeles County and encourage its families, schools, universities and community agencies to support programs and work together to raise awareness of this epidemic.

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