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; and

WHEREAS, while there is no cure for autism, it is well-documented that if individuals with autism receive early and intensive treatment throughout their lives, they 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 can present; and

WHEREAS, The City of Margate encourages the awareness effort in order to educate parents, professionals and the general public about autism and its effects.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tommy Ruzzano, Mayor of the City of Margate, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2017, as

NATIONAL AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Margate, and urge all employees and residents to engage in National Autism Awareness Month activities, in order to become better educated about autism and create a better community for individuals with autism.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Margate to be affixed this 19TH day of April, 2017.

TOMMY RUZZANO, MAYOR