

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE VILLAGE OF RICHFIELD AS AN
"AUTISM FRIENDLY" COMMUNITY, AS DEFINED BY THE AUTISM
SOCIETY OF GREATER AKRON, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Autism Spectrum Disorder ("ASD") is the fastest growing developmental disability in the United States, with over 3.5 million people living with autism as a life-long disorder; and

WHEREAS, in the 1970's, the United States Congress worked with the Autism Society of America to declare April as National Autism Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Richfield embraces neurodiversity as something that enriches all aspects of a community's life, including education, housing, cultural, and business opportunities; and

WHEREAS, this Council believes that these aspects of a community's life also enhance economic strengths by accepting and reflecting the uniqueness of all of its citizens and treating everyone with respect and dignity; and

WHEREAS, this Council recognizes the work of the Autism Society of Greater Akron and encourages all governmental agencies, corporations, organizations, businesses, schools, and others to join in being trained to learn about the characteristics of autism and how best to support and interact with someone with an Autism Spectrum Disorder; and

WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines that it is necessary and in the best interests of the citizens of Richfield to declare that the Village is an "Autism Friendly" community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Village of Richfield, Summit County, State of Ohio, that:

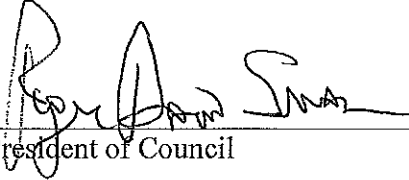
SECTION 1. The Council of the Village of Richfield hereby declares that the Village of Richfield is an "Autism Friendly" community as defined by the Autism Society of Greater Akron.

SECTION 2. This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the village of Richfield and for the further reason that it is immediately necessary to declare the Village of Richfield as an "Autism Friendly" community and urge all of its residents to join in supporting everyone with an Autism Spectrum Disorder; wherefore, provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of Council elected or appointed, it shall take effect immediately upon its passage and execution by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

SECTION 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this

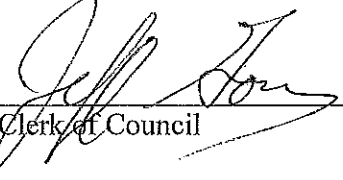
Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

PASSED: 4-18-2017

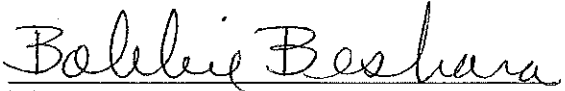


President of Council

ATTEST:



Clerk of Council



Mayor

Dated: 4-18-17