PROCLAMATION,

From the Office of the Mayor
Borough of Barrington
County of Camden, New Jersey

AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH APRIL 2011

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

WHEREAS, autism was once thought to be a relatively rare disorder, affecting only one in 10,000 people, and,

WHEREAS, as more and more health professionals become proficient in diagnosing autism, more children are being diagnosed on the autistic spectrum, resulting in rates as high as one in 150 children, 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, The New Jersey Center for Outreach and Services for the Autism Community (COSAC), and Autism Speaks is spearheading an awareness effort in order to educate parents, professionals and the general public about autism and its effects,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, John D. Rink, Mayor, do hereby proclaim April 2011 as **AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH** in the Borough of Barrington and urge all employees and residents to become better educated on the subject of autistic spectrum disorders at the Southwest New Jersey Chapter www.solvingthepuzzle.com.

John D. Rink, Mayor

Attest: Terry Shannon
Terry Shannon, Municipal Clerk

Date: March 8, 2011