Endorsing April as Autism Awareness Month

Whereas, April has been designated National Autism Awareness Month; and

Whereas, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that 1 in 68 children live with autism spectrum disorder (ASD); and

Whereas, the San Mateo County SELPA Governing Board recognize and celebrate the countless ways individuals who live on the autism spectrum contribute to and strengthen our communities; and

Whereas, every year, people around the world join together to support Autism Awareness Month and highlight Autism Awareness by wearing blue through the month of April; and

Whereas, the United Nations has recognized April 2 as World Autism Awareness Day to highlight the need to help those with autism lead full and meaningful lives; and

Whereas, it is vital that students living with autism spectrum disorder feel included and accepted in our classrooms, businesses, and communities;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the San Mateo County SELPA Governing Board hereby observe April as Autism Awareness Month; and

Be It Further Resolved that the San Mateo County SELPA Governing Board encourages the community to promote Autism Awareness on April 2 and through the month of April to help shine a light on autism.