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Warren City Hall Lights Up Thursday, April 5 For Autism Awareness Month

Warren, MI – Warren Mayor Jim Fouts has directed the front of Warren City Hall to be lighted Thursday, April 5 from dusk until dawn to increase Autism Awareness.

April is Autism Awareness month and the United Nation's General Assembly unanimously declared April 2 as World Autism Awareness Day.

Autism is a lifelong neurological condition that manifests during early childhood, irrespective of gender, race or socio-economic status. The term Autism Spectrum refers to a range of characteristics. Appropriate support, accommodation and acceptance of this neurological variation allow those on the Spectrum to enjoy equal opportunity, and full and effective participation in society.

Autism is mainly characterized by its unique social interactions, non-standard ways of learning, keen interests in specific subjects, inclination to routines, challenges in typical communications and particular ways of processing sensory information.

The rate of autism in all regions of the world is high and the lack of understanding has a tremendous impact on the individuals, their families and communities.

The stigmatization and discrimination associated with neurological differences remain substantial obstacles to diagnosis and therapies, an issue that must be addressed by both public policy-makers in developing nations, as well as donor countries.