



SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY  
**SPECIAL EDUCATION LOCAL PLAN AREA**

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**PROCLAMATIONS RECOGNIZING APRIL AS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH**

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**WHEREAS**, Autism affects all persons regardless of race, religion, socio-economic status or geography; and

**WHEREAS**, The incidence of autism in San Luis Obispo County reflects the national rate of 1 in 110, with rates appearing to have increased similarly around the globe; and

**WHEREAS**, A child is diagnosed with autism every 20 minutes; and

**WHEREAS**, ASDs are the fastest growing serious developmental disability, making these disorders more common than pediatric cancer, diabetes, and AIDS combined; and

**WHEREAS**, Many are not adequately informed about ASDs and the value and importance of early identification, assessment, and treatment of these disorders; and

**WHEREAS**, Individuals with ASDs and their families face tremendous and overwhelming challenges in accessing and navigating the complex programs and services for these disorders; and

**WHEREAS**, Parents and family members have made invaluable contributions through their commitment, caring, and advocacy to important advances in research, education, and treatment for individuals with ASDs; and

**WHEREAS**, Individuals with ASDs are valuable and talented citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, The Central Coast Autism Spectrum Center will celebrate Autism Awareness Month in April 2010; and

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**WHEREAS**, Autism Awareness Month and The WALK for Autism and Autism Awareness Fair help to increase and develop knowledge of autism, and are of paramount importance in creating an empathetic and compassionate citizenry; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Central Coast Autism Spectrum Center in cooperation with the San Luis Obispo County SELPA, affirms its commitment to the important issues described in this resolution by declaring April 2010 as Autism Awareness Month in San Luis Obispo and emphasizes that each and every individual with an ASD is a valued and important member of our society; and be it further

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**RESOLVED**, That the San Luis Obispo County SELPA recognizes and commends the parents and relatives of individuals with ASDs, the professionals that provide valued services, and the Central Coast Autism Spectrum Center, for their sacrifice and dedication in providing for the special needs of individuals with ASDs.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 18<sup>th</sup> Day of March 2010, by the San Luis Obispo County SELPA, San Luis Obispo County, California, by the following vote:

7 YES: Members      \_\_\_\_\_ NOES: Members      4 ABSENT: Members

  
Jill Heuer, Director  
San Luis Obispo County SELPA

# COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (C.A.C.)

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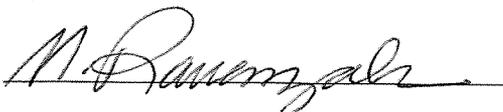
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**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 16<sup>th</sup> Day of March 2010, by the Community Advisory Committee of the San Luis Obispo County SELPA, San Luis Obispo County, California, by the following vote:

5 ✓ YES: Members      0 NOES: Members      4 ABSENT: Members



CAC Chairperson