

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS



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PROCLAMATION

BY THE PRESIDENT JUDGE OF THE 39TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, anyone can be affected by autism, and the Pennsylvania Autism Census conducted by ASERT has identified the need for services for all age groups, be it young and old in Franklin County; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice Kevin Dougherty has created an initiative to raise awareness of the needs of individuals, especially juveniles, with autism to be assured access to justice; and

WHEREAS, all individuals must be assured due process in all court proceedings, and for individuals with autism, the judiciary, court personnel, and other related staff must respectfully offer ways to support and ensure their health and safety while participating in court proceedings; and

WHEREAS, a Taskforce of stakeholders was created in Franklin County to develop a plan to raise awareness of autism acceptance, identify resources to support those individuals with autism when interacting with the court and develop programs consistent with ASERT initiatives to support people with autism; and

WHEREAS, April is Autism Acceptance Month as proclaimed by Josh Shapiro, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

THEREFORE, this proclamation is issued to make the public aware of Franklin County's efforts, to assure due process and to provide awareness of Autism Acceptance Month to all members of the judiciary, court staff, related offices, and the public of the 39th Judicial District.

Given under my hand and seal this 15th day of April, 2024.



Shawn D. Meyers, President Judge of the 39th Judicial District