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Asheboro Urged to “Light It Up Blue” for World Autism Awareness Day

In honor of World Autism Awareness Day, Asheboro’s City Hall will be turning blue. On Monday, April 2 buildings around the world, including Asheboro’s City Hall, will be shining blue lights to increase awareness about autism. Mayor David Smith and the members of City Council are encouraging residents to help with this effort by shining a blue light at their home or business.

Autism is a complex neurobiological disorder that inhibits a person's ability to communicate and develop social relationships, and is often accompanied by behavioral challenges. Autism spectrum disorders are diagnosed in one in 110 children; one in 70 boys in the United States, affecting four times as many boys as girls. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have called autism a national public health crisis whose cause and cure remain unknown.

For more information on the “Light It Up Blue” effort visit www.lightitupblue.org.

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