

# PROCLAMATION

*Hoover Board of Education  
Autism Awareness Month 2023*

**Whereas**, Here in the United States, more than 5.4 million adults are autistic, and 1 in every 44 children has been diagnosed with Autism; and

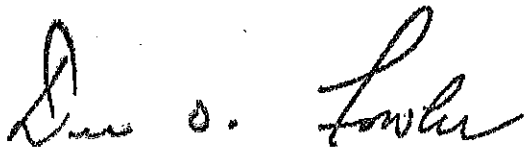
**Whereas**, Autism Awareness Month encourages individuals across the Nation to take measures to raise awareness about people with Autism Spectrum Disorder; and

**Whereas**, Autism affects all ethnic groups and socioeconomic levels and has no medical detection; and

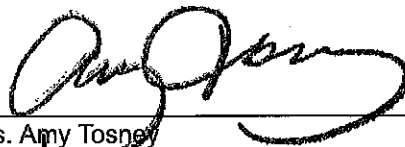
**Whereas**, Hoover City Schools proudly serves approximately 420 students who have a primary disability of Autism and receive individualized services from our Exceptional Education staff; and

**Whereas**, continuous training and professional development occur throughout our system as knowledge of Autism continues to evolve;

**Now, therefore**, be it resolved that the Hoover Board of Education does hereby proclaim April 2023 as National Autism Awareness Month. The Hoover Board of Education acknowledges and celebrates our district's vast range of diverse abilities and backgrounds and the contributions made by those individuals to our school system and our society.



Dr. Dee O. Fowler  
Superintendent



Mrs. Amy Tosney  
President, Hoover Board of Education

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School Library Week 2023, April 24-28*

**Whereas**, School libraries are critical for student achievement. Across the United States, research has shown that students in schools with good school libraries learn more; and

**Whereas**, Today's school librarians are important instructional partners in supporting and expanding the existing curriculum. These media specialists are working with teachers to change what is possible in the classroom and support exciting learning opportunities with books, computer resources, and more; and

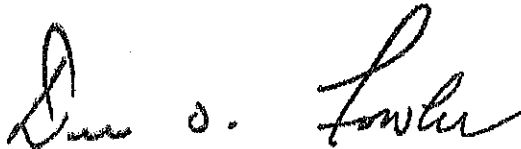
**Whereas**, libraries offer opportunities for everyone to connect with new ideas and become their best selves through access to multimedia content, in addition to books; and

**Whereas**, to adapt to our changing world, libraries are expanding their resources and continuing to meet the needs of students; and

**Whereas**, Hoover City Schools libraries have circulated more than 225,000 books, eBooks, and audiobooks this school year; and

**Whereas**, Our librarians include five (5) National Board for Professional Teaching Standards educators. All librarians hold a master's degree, three (3) librarians hold education specialist degrees, and one (1) holds a doctorate; and

**Now, therefore**, be it resolved that the Hoover Board of Education does hereby proclaim April 24-28, 2023, as School Library Week. The district values our highly qualified school librarians as research shows qualified library media specialists are needed to have a positive impact on student academic achievement.



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