

Pittsburgh City Council



Proclamation



WHEREAS, Achieving in Higher Education with Autism/Developmental Disabilities (AHEADD) is a private, community organization that provides support for students in higher education with various types of learning disabilities and disorders; and

WHEREAS, AHEADD assists students in creating individual plans and strategies to address social, communication and organizational skills that will help students be independent in their college experience; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn Komich Hare founded AHEADD in 2002, when she piloted the program in response to a parent who was looking for specialized services to assist a student who would be attending Carnegie Mellon University; and

WHEREAS, the AHEADD Model™ was developed by analyzing the successes and failures of the program and can be applied on any college campus; and

WHEREAS, AHEADD will host the 1st annual Adult Autism Awareness Day at a day long event held at the University of Pittsburgh; and

WHEREAS, the event will feature panels of speakers discussing post-secondary education, post-secondary employment, research and legislation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Council of the City of Pittsburgh recognizes Achieving in Higher Education with Autism/Developmental Disabilities for its efforts to assist students in meeting their post-secondary education goals; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby declares April 18, 2009, "Adult Autism Awareness Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.

Sponsored by Councilman William Peduto

Co-Sponsored by Council President Douglas Shields and Councilmembers Rev. Ricky V. Burgess, Patrick Dowd, Darlene M. Harris, Bruce A. Kraus, Jim Motznik, Tonya D. Payne and Theresa Kail-Smith

Douglas Shields
President of Council

Attest: Linda Johnson-Wasler
Clerk of Council

In Council, April 14, 2009

