



**WHEREAS:** Autism Awareness Month is an opportunity for families, friends and community to raise public awareness of autism, the fastest growing development disability in the country. Today, over one million individuals in the United States are diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimated that one in 88 children has been diagnosed with autism; and

**WHEREAS:** There is currently no known cure for autism; however, as understanding grows regarding autism spectrum disorders, it is known early intervention is key in addressing symptoms associated with autism. Stress on families affected by autism is immense. As they search for treatments, families find that treatments are numerous. And, because autism affects each person differently, what treatments work for some, may not work for others. Therefore, it is also key that all treatment plans be made specific for each individual; and

**WHEREAS:** *Blessed Be, Hope for Three* was organized to provide help and create hope by raising community awareness and providing educational and financial support to families with children diagnosed with autism spectrum disorders, the City of Simonton recognizes *Blessed Be, Hope for Three* in its mission and encouragement to those in the autism community to never give up in their search to help loved ones reach their full potential; and

**WHEREAS:** Autism Awareness Month raises public awareness about autism and its effects and offers hope to all who deal with the hardships of this disorder by uniting not only the autism community but also all of Fort Bend County to address this global health issue. Together, we will solve this puzzle; now, therefore,

**BE IT KNOWN:** That the City of Simonton, Texas, recognizes *Blessed Be, Hope for Three* and proclaims the month of April 2013 to be Autism Awareness Month.

Signed this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2013.

  
Daniel McJunkin, Mayor  
City of Simonton, Texas