

**Before the Board of County Commissioners
Martin County, Florida**

A Proclamation

Declaring Apraxia Awareness Day in Martin County, Florida

- Whereas,** May, 14, 2020 marks the sixth annual Childhood Apraxia of Speech Day, during which awareness will be raised throughout Florida about Childhood Apraxia of Speech (CAS), an extremely challenging speech disorder in children; and
- Whereas,** CAS causes children to have significant difficulty learning to speak and is among the most severe speech deficits in children, and while the act of learning to speak comes effortlessly to most children, those with apraxia endure an incredible and lengthy struggle; and
- Whereas,** without appropriate speech therapy intervention, children with apraxia are placed at high risk for secondary impacts in reading, writing, spelling and other school-related skills, thus diminishing future independence and employment opportunities if not resolved or improved; and
- Whereas,** it is imperative there be greater public awareness about childhood apraxia of speech in Florida among community members, physicians, education professionals, policy makers and elected officials; and
- Whereas,** our highest respect goes to these children, as well as their families, for their effort, determination and resilience in the face of such obstacles.

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed by the Martin County Board of County Commissioners that May 14, 2020 is Apraxia Awareness Day in Martin County, Florida. Further, the board encourages all citizens to learn more about Childhood Apraxia of Speech.

Presented this Fifth Day of May 2020

ATTEST:

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