



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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Addabbo looks to highlight constituents' stories for Autism Awareness Month

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A graphic with a light gray background. At the top center is a triangular shape composed of three interlocking puzzle pieces in blue, red, and yellow. Below this, the text "Email a photo with a brief description to addabbo@nysenate.gov by April 10 and we will highlight “your story” on my Senate website and at a location in my district later this month!" is written in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. At the bottom center is a small rectangular inset image showing the top of a person's head and shoulders, with an American flag visible in the background.

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As April is Autism Awareness Month, State Senator Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr. wants to hear about your story.

In honor of Autism Awareness Month, Addabbo wants to hear what autism means to you and your family. Interested parties are encouraged to email the Senator a photo of themselves with a brief description of the photograph by Wednesday, April 10, and he will

highlight your story on his Senate webpage and at a location in the district later this month.

“Autism is a disorder that affects approximately 1 in 59 children in the United States, and each of those people has a unique story to be told,” Addabbo said. “Autism affects each person differently, giving them a distinct set of strengths, but also individual challenges they face each day. If we can shine a spotlight on some of our local residents with autism, we can showcase their abilities as well as the struggles they face, and we can end the stigma around autism and learn more about this disorder and our neighbors.”

Please send all photos and stories to addabbo@nysenate.gov.