



NEWS from the Shelby County Mayor's Office

Lee Harris, Mayor

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**SHELBY COUNTY GOVERNMENT LIGHTS BUILDING BLUE TO PROMOTE
AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH**

Shelby County, TN – Shelby County Mayor Lee Harris has announced that tonight, Monday, April 26th, the Vasco A. Smith Jr. Shelby County Administration Building will feature blue lighting in recognition of Autism Acceptance Month. More than 2% of adults and 1 in 54 children in the United States have autism. According to The Arc Mid-South, a local organization that supports individuals with autism, more than 1,800 Shelby County students with autism are receiving special education services.

To view the Shelby County building's blue lights, stop by 160 North Main Street, Memphis, TN 38103 any time after sundown on April 26, 2021.

Shelby County Mayor Lee Harris: “We are thrilled to light up the Shelby County Administration building in order to recognize Autism Acceptance Month. It is critical for our community to celebrate difference and that includes individuals with autism. We hope that the blue lights inspire a community conversation, expanded knowledge, and even greater acceptance of our neighbors with autism.”

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