

Dear Copenhagen City Hall,

The United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon said, "We need political will and engagement at the highest levels of leadership..." in order to improve global support for people living with autism. The impact of autism spectrum disorders transcends borders, faiths, and cultures. Together, we can all join forces to support the more than 70 million people affected by this complex disorder around the world.

As an iconic landmark we ask that you please join us as we **Light It Up Blue** for **World Autism Awareness Day** on **Saturday, April 2, 2016**. When your nation's landmarks are lit blue, it helps to shine a light on a very real issue affecting our global community. Your nation would be joining 142 others on all seven continents along with nearly 19,000 landmarks and buildings which glowed **BLUE** during 2015's event. Please take a look at that amazing day: <https://vimeo.com/131132238>.

There are many ways in which you can **Light It Up Blue**. Here are a few ideas:

- Illuminate the exterior of your building blue on April 2nd.
- Share information with neighbors and colleagues by displaying **Light It Up Blue** informational materials.
- Ask employees to wear blue and upload photos to our website at www.autismspeaks.org/LIUB.

Our co-founders, Suzanne and Bob Wright, started Autism Speaks more than ten years ago after their grandson, Christian, was diagnosed with autism. Autism Speaks has since been transformed into a global movement with partnerships in 70 countries. We are working to unite the world in scientific research, advocacy, and family services.

As much progress as we have made, there is still so much more to be done. We hope you will join us and **shine your light on April 2nd**. Please contact Leah Walters at leahw@bljworldwide.com to confirm your participation.

Thank you for leading by example.

Warm regards,

