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### APPLETON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO PARTICIPATE IN "LIGHT IT UP BLUE" FOR AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

APPLETON, Wis., April 6, 2018 - [Appleton International Airport](#) will participate in Autism Awareness Month by lighting up the airport blue each night in April.

The airport is also hosting a [Light It Up Blue](#) kickoff for Autism Awareness Month Friday, April 6 at 11 a.m. at the airport.

Several community members will speak at the Light It Up Blue event about their experiences with autism.

Light It Up Blue, a part of [Autism Speaks](#), raises awareness for Autism Awareness Month.

Thomas Nelson, Outagamie County Executive, will declare April Autism Awareness Month for the third year in a row in Outagamie County at the event.

"We're proud to support Autism Awareness Month by lighting up our terminal blue during April," said Thomas Nelson, Outagamie County Executive. "Outagamie County prides itself as a leader in generating awareness as well as lifting up and highlighting the many contributions those living with autism make to our community."

Appleton International Airport also supports Autism Awareness Month by hosting multiple [Wings for Autism](#) events each year. The next Wings for Autism event is May 19.

"Traveling can be stressful for anyone, but for children and adults with developmental disabilities, the process can be even more intimidating," said Abe Weber airport director. "Wings for Autism is a free program which offers a simulated flight experience and allows families to practice flight check-in, the TSA checkpoint and boarding the aircraft."

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### **Appleton International Airport**

Appleton International Airport serves business travelers and vacationers with flights to destinations around the world. Allegiant Air has nonstop flights out of Appleton International Airport to warm weather destinations. The airport also has flights to major hubs around the U.S. on American Airlines, Delta Air Lines and United Airlines.