



# MONROE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

## RICHARD A. RAMSAY, SHERIFF

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing today as a letter of support to ASK – Autism Society of the Keys. My name is Cecelia Hoversen and I have worked with the Monroe County Sheriff's Office for 10 years. Currently I am the Detention Deputy in the Training Division in Key West.

I have been working with ASK for the past two to three years. They introduced themselves and asked how we could partner together to provide autism sensory boxes to MCSO. Together we have been able to provide the sensory boxes throughout our department and our very grateful for their assistance, training and wiliness to share their time, resources and knowledge with us at the department.

We have since partnered to provide autism specific training to all new officers that we hire. A representative of ASK comes in monthly and provides training. The training consists of a short presentation of how to use the sensory boxes, real life examples of how best to respond in an emergency when working with someone with autism and great insight on their personal knowledge of autism.

We have had a wonderful relationship with them. We have also received great feedback from our officers as well as our community on both the sensory boxes and training.

It is without hesitation that I write and ask that you support Autism Society of the Keys. We know that they provide many resources for families and providers in our community and need the help of grants to do that. We fully give our support of their organization and hope that you can help them continue their work here in the Florida Keys.

Sincerely,

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