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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS; Autism Spectrum Disorder is a neurodevelopmental
3 condition characterized by challenges with social
4 communication, restricted interests, and repetitive behaviors;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Symptoms of autism appear in early childhood and
7 vary widely in severity, ranging from needing substantial
8 support to living independently; and

9 WHEREAS, Autism affects millions of Americans, with one in
10 36 children having been diagnosed with autism; and

11 WHEREAS, Significant progress towards equality for people
12 with autism has been made over the years, driven in large part
13 by advocates who have worked tirelessly to bring the lived
14 experiences of individuals with autism to the forefront; and

15 WHEREAS, Despite this progress, people with autism
16 continue to routinely face unnecessary obstacles, including in
17 regards to securing employment and health care, and children
18 with autism still face bullying and barriers to education; and

19 WHEREAS, Autism Awareness Day provides an opportunity to
20 increase the understanding and acceptance of people with

1 autism; and

2 WHEREAS, The United Nations began recognizing April 2nd as
3 World Autism Day in 2007; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare April 2,
6 2026 as Autism Awareness Day in the State of Illinois.