
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY SABATINA, SCHWANK, BREWSTER, GREENLEAF, LEACH,
MARTIN, FONTANA, BARTOLOTTA, BROWNE, AUMENT, DINNIMAN,
HUTCHINSON, ARGALL, FARNESE, COSTA, SCAVELLO, RAFFERTY AND
FOLMER, MARCH 27, 2018

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of April 2018 as "Autism Awareness Month"
2 in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Autism spectrum disorder is a complex disability
4 requiring greater recognition and understanding to ensure that
5 all individuals living with autism spectrum disorder are
6 accurately diagnosed and appropriately supported throughout
7 their life; and

8 WHEREAS, Autism spectrum disorder is a developmental
9 disability resulting in varying levels of impairment of an
10 individual's ability to learn, develop healthy interactive
11 behaviors and understand verbal, nonverbal and reciprocal
12 communication; and

13 WHEREAS, Autism is defined by a certain set of behaviors and
14 is a "spectrum disorder" that affects individuals differently
15 and to varying degrees; and

16 WHEREAS, There is no known single cause of autism, but
17 increased awareness and funding can help families today; and

1 WHEREAS, Although a cure for autism spectrum disorder has not
2 been found, individuals living with autism spectrum disorder can
3 be assisted in reaching their greatest potential through
4 accurate early diagnosis, appropriate education and
5 intervention; and

6 WHEREAS, According to the Centers for Disease Control and
7 Prevention, approximately 1 in 68 American children are living
8 with autism spectrum disorder; and

9 WHEREAS, The number of adults living with autism spectrum
10 disorder is expected to increase dramatically over the next few
11 years as adolescents age into adulthood; and

12 WHEREAS, The Department of Human Services created the Office
13 of Developmental Programs, which includes the Bureau of Autism
14 Services, to provide expertise and support for all agencies
15 serving Pennsylvanians living with autism spectrum disorder;
16 therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the month of April 2018
18 as "Autism Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania and urge its
19 observance throughout this Commonwealth for the benefit of all
20 individuals living with autism spectrum disorder and their
21 families.