
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 267 Session of
2019

INTRODUCED BY BOBACK, SONNEY, BIZZARRO, SCHMITT, DONATUCCI,
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MACKENZIE, HOWARD, KORTZ, STURLA, PASHINSKI, BROWN AND
MEHAFFIE, APRIL 25, 2019

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 25, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of April 2019 as "Autism Acceptance Month"
2 in Pennsylvania.

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

1 WHEREAS, There is no known single cause of autism, but
2 increased awareness, funding and acceptance can help families
3 today; and

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

9 WHEREAS, According to the Centers for Disease Control and
10 Prevention, approximately 1 in 59 American children are living
11 with autism spectrum disorder; and

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

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

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
21 month of April 2019 as "Autism Acceptance Month" in Pennsylvania
22 and urge its observance throughout this Commonwealth for the
23 benefit of all individuals living with autism spectrum disorder
24 and their families.