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behalf of all Representatives

DELAWARE STATE SENATE  
149th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 49

RECOGNIZING APRIL 2018 AS "AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH" AND RECOGNIZING AUTISM DELAWARE'S  
20 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF DELAWARE.

1 WHEREAS, autism spectrum disorder ("ASD") is an urgent public health crisis because today, ASD is the fastest  
2 growing developmental disability in the United States, affecting more than 3 million people; and

3 WHEREAS, in 1995 the prevalence of ASD was 1 in 2,500 births and today it is approximately 1 in 68 births; and

4 WHEREAS, ASD is the result of a neurological disorder that affects the normal functioning of the human brain,  
5 and can affect anyone, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, or socioeconomic background; and

6 WHEREAS, symptoms and characteristics of ASD may present themselves in a variety of ways and are different  
7 for each person affected; and

8 WHEREAS, ASD can result in significant lifelong impairment of an individual's ability to learn, develop healthy  
9 interactive behaviors, and understand verbal, as well as non-verbal, communication; and

10 WHEREAS, the effort to address ASD continues with doctors, therapists, and educators helping persons with ASD  
11 overcome or adjust to its challenges by providing early, accurate diagnosis, and the resulting appropriate education,  
12 intervention, and therapy that is vital to future growth and development; and

13 WHEREAS, persons living with ASD should have access to the lifelong care and the services needed to pursue the  
14 full measure of personal happiness and achieve their greatest potential; and

15 WHEREAS, for the past 10 years, Autism Delaware has been providing community-based, vocational services  
16 through Productive Opportunities for Work & Recreation (POW&R); and

17 WHEREAS, for the past 20 years, Autism Delaware has been a leader in providing services and advocacy for  
18 individuals with ASD and their families in Delaware.

19 NOW, THEREFORE:

20 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the 149th General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the House of  
21 Representatives concurring therein, that April 2018 be recognized as "Autism Awareness Month" in the State of Delaware;  
22 and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State of Delaware recognizes Autism Delaware for 20 years of dedicated  
24 work that improves the lives of Delawareans with autism spectrum disorder and their families.

SYNOPSIS

This Senate Concurrent Resolution recognizes April 2018 as “Autism Awareness Month” and Autism Delaware's 20 years of service to the people of Delaware.

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