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Rep. Harris on behalf of all Representatives

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 34

RECOGNIZING APRIL 2023 AS “AUTISM ACCEPTANCE AND INCLUSION MONTH” AND RECOGNIZING
AUTISM DELAWARE’S 25 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 5 million people; and

3 WHEREAS, in 1995 the prevalence of ASD was 1 in 2,500 births and today it is approximately 1 in 36 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 over 25 years, Autism Delaware has been a leader in providing services and advocacy for
16 individuals with ASD and their families in Delaware.

17 NOW, THEREFORE:

18 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 152nd General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the
19 Senate concurring therein, that April 2023 is recognized as “Autism Acceptance and Inclusion Month” in the State of
20 Delaware.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State of Delaware recognizes Autism Delaware for over 25 years of
22 dedicated work that improves the lives of Delawareans with autism spectrum disorder and their families.

SYNOPSIS

This House Concurrent Resolution recognizes April 2023 as “Autism Acceptance and Inclusion Month” and Autism Delaware’s 25 years of service to the people of Delaware.