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on behalf of all Senators

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
150th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 24

RECOGNIZING APRIL 2019 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 59 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 20 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 150th General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the  
19 Senate concurring therein, that April 2019 is recognized as “Autism Awareness Month” in the State of Delaware.

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

SYNOPSIS

This House Concurrent Resolution recognizes April 2019 as “Autism Awareness Month” and Autism Delaware's  
20 years of service to the people of Delaware.