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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Autism spectrum disorders can affect all
3 individuals regardless of racial, ethnic, economic, and social
4 groups; and

5 WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has
6 stated that 1 in 6 children in the United States has a
7 developmental disability, ranging from mild disabilities such
8 as speech and language impairments to serious developmental
9 disabilities, such as intellectual disabilities, cerebral
10 palsy, and autism; and

11 WHEREAS, Autism spectrum disorders are more common than
12 pediatric cancer, diabetes, and AIDS combined; and

13 WHEREAS, Studies in Asia, Europe, and North America have
14 identified individuals with an autism spectrum disorder, with
15 an average prevalence of about 1%; a recent study in South
16 Korea reported a prevalence of 2.6%; and

17 WHEREAS, About 1 in 68 children has been identified with an
18 autism spectrum disorder, according to estimates from CDC's
19 Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring Network; and

20 WHEREAS, The cause of autism spectrum disorders is still

1 unknown, but research strongly suggests that it is caused by
2 certain factors that affect brain development; and

3 WHEREAS, Autism spectrum disorders have increased tenfold
4 in the last decade and now occur in some form in 1 in 42 boys in
5 the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, Autism, which is five times more common among boys
7 than girls, usually appears during the first three years of
8 life; and

9 WHEREAS, Early diagnosis, research, training, education,
10 and therapies are vital to reducing the effects of autism; and

11 WHEREAS, Current research suspects that there is not a
12 single cause that will ultimately be discovered, but rather a
13 cluster of factors which include genetics, pregnancy/birth
14 complications, viral infections, metabolic disorders,
15 congenital anomaly syndrome (birth defects), and environmental
16 toxins; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
18 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
19 designate April of 2016 as Autism Awareness Month in the State
20 of Illinois for the purpose of urging both government entities
21 and the citizenry to become aware and educated on the subject

1 of autism spectrum disorders.