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HOUSE RESOLUTION

TO PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF APRIL AS AUTISM ACCEPTANCE
MONTH IN ARKANSAS.

Subtitle

TO PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF APRIL AS AUTISM
ACCEPTANCE MONTH IN ARKANSAS.

WHEREAS, the first National Autism Awareness Month was declared by the
Autism Society in April 1972 and the aim of this month is educate the public
about autism; and

WHEREAS, Autism Spectrum Disorder is a complex mental condition and
developmental disability, characterized by difficulties in the way a person
communicates and interacts with other people;

WHEREAS, some persons with Autism Spectrum Disorder have a known
difference, such as a genetic condition and for others a cause is not known;
and

WHEREAS, scientists believe there are multiple causes of Autism
Spectrum Disorder that act together to change the most common ways people
develop and there is still much to learn about these causes and how they
impact persons with Autism Spectrum Disorder; and

WHEREAS, autism can be present from birth or form during early
childhood and is a lifelong developmental disability with no single known
cause; and

1   WHEREAS, in the United States, autism affects one (1) in every one
2   thirty-six (36) children; and
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4   WHEREAS, Autism Acceptance Month is an event that promotes the
5   inclusion and acceptance of people diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder;
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8   WHEREAS, Autism Acceptance Month seeks to shift the narrative from
9   "awareness to acceptance," to help autistic people feel supported throughout
10   their lives,
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12   NOW THEREFORE,
13   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL
14   ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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16   THAT the House of Representatives proclaim April as Autism Acceptance
17   Month in the State of Arkansas.
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