

Rep. Foster offered the following resolution:

**House Resolution No. 59.**

A resolution to declare April 2, 2013, as Autism Awareness Day in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is a neurodevelopmental disorder that appears within the first three years of life; and

Whereas, There are over 15,000 children with autism in the state of Michigan, an increase of over 100 percent since 2001, and one out of every 88 children in America has autism; and

Whereas, A child has a greater risk of being diagnosed with autism than childhood cancer, diabetes, and pediatric AIDS combined; and

Whereas, The Mackinac Bridge will be lit blue to recognize Autism Awareness Day on April 2, 2013; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare April 2, 2013, as Autism Awareness Day in the state of Michigan. We urge all citizens to observe this important occasion.