## SENATE RESOLUTION NO.109

Senators Chang, Webber, Geiss, McMorrow and Wojno offered the following resolution:

- 1 A resolution to recognize April 2024 as Autism Acceptance
- 2 Month.
- 3 Whereas, Autism, also known as Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD),
- 4 is a neurodevelopmental disorder that affects millions of people
- 5 worldwide and is characterized by difficulties in social
- 6 interaction, communication, and repetitive behaviors; and
- 7 Whereas, Autism affects individuals in unique ways and can
- 8 range from mild to severe, requiring different levels of support
- 9 and services; and
- 10 Whereas, Autism Acceptance Day is observed on the second
- 11 Tuesday of April each year as a time to raise awareness and

- 1 understanding about autism and to celebrate the unique strengths
- 2 and abilities of individuals on the autism spectrum; now,
- 3 therefore, be it
- 4 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative
- 5 body recognize April 2024 as Autism Acceptance Month. We
- 6 acknowledge and support individuals with autism and their families,
- 7 and affirm our commitment to promoting, understanding, acceptance,
- 8 and inclusion of individuals on the autism spectrum in all aspects
- 9 of community life; and be it further
- 10 Resolved, That we acknowledge and celebrate the contributions
- 11 of individuals on the autism spectrum to our society and support
- 12 efforts to provide them with equal opportunities. We call upon all
- 13 members of our community to work together to create a more
- 14 inclusive and supportive environment for individuals on the autism
- 15 spectrum and to raise awareness about the importance of early
- 16 intervention and access to services.