MICHIGAN SENATE

Senate Resolution No. 109

Offered by Senators Chang, Webber, Geiss, McMorrow and Wojno

A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE APRIL 2024 AS AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH

WHEREAS, Autism, also known as Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), is a neurodevelopmental disorder that affects millions of people worldwide and is characterized by difficulties in social interaction, communication, and repetitive behaviors; and

WHEREAS, Autism affects individuals in unique ways and can range from mild to severe, requiring different levels of support and services; and

WHEREAS, Autism Acceptance Day is observed on the second Tuesday of April each year as a time to raise awareness and understanding about autism and to celebrate the unique strengths and abilities of individuals on the autism spectrum; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the members of this legislative body recognize April 2024 as Autism Acceptance Month. We acknowledge and support individuals with autism and their families, and affirm our commitment to promoting, understanding, acceptance, and inclusion of individuals on the autism spectrum in all aspects of community life; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we acknowledge and celebrate the contributions of individuals on the autism spectrum to our society and support efforts to provide them with equal opportunities. We call upon all members of our community to work together to create a more inclusive and supportive environment for individuals on the autism spectrum and to raise awareness about the importance of early intervention and access to services.

Adopted by the Senate, April 17, 2024.

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