

By: Senator(s) England, Boyd, Caughman,
Thompson

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 591

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION DESIGNATING APRIL 2, 2022, AS "WORLD
2 AUTISM AWARENESS DAY IN MISSISSIPPI" AND ENCOURAGING RESIDENTS OF
3 THE STATE TO SHOW SUPPORT FOR AUTISM AWARENESS.

4 WHEREAS, the federal Centers for Disease Control and
5 Prevention's Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring
6 Network declares that approximately one in 54 children have been
7 identified with autism spectrum disorder (ASD); and

8 WHEREAS, ASD is a lifelong developmental disability that
9 manifests itself during the first three or four years of life and
10 results from a neurological disorder, which affects the
11 functioning of the brain. ASD affects children in many countries
12 irrespective of gender, race or socioeconomic status; and

13 WHEREAS, ASD is typically characterized by impairments in
14 social interaction, problems with verbal and nonverbal
15 communication, and restricted and repetitive behavior, interests
16 and activities; and



17 WHEREAS, on December 18, 2007, the United Nations General
18 Assembly adopted Resolution 62/139 declaring April 2 as the annual
19 World Autism Awareness Day; and

20 WHEREAS, the United Nations General Assembly invites all
21 member states, relevant organizations of the United Nations system
22 and other international organizations, as well as civil society,
23 including nongovernmental organizations and the private sectors,
24 to observe World Autism Awareness Day in an appropriate manner, in
25 order to raise public awareness of autism; and

26 WHEREAS, the United Nations General Assembly encourages
27 member states to take measures to raise awareness throughout
28 society regarding children with autism and requests the
29 Secretary-General to bring the present resolution to the attention
30 of all member states and United Nations organizations; and

31 WHEREAS, the United Nations General Assembly Resolution
32 62/139 also recalls the United Nations Convention on the Rights of
33 the Child and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with
34 Disabilities to affirm that children with disabilities should
35 enjoy a full and decent life in conditions that ensure dignity,
36 promote self-reliance, and ensure the full enjoyment of all human
37 rights and fundamental freedoms on an equal basis with other
38 children without disabilities; and

39 WHEREAS, April 2, 2022, is the 15th Anniversary of the first
40 day proclaimed as World Autism Awareness Day:



41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
42 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
43 we do hereby designate April 2, 2022, as "World Autism Awareness
44 Day in Mississippi" and encourage residents of the state to show
45 support for autism awareness.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be transmitted
47 to the State Board of Education, the State Board of Health and the
48 State Board of Mental Health for appropriate distribution, and be
49 made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

