

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.

