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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

TO PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF APRIL AS AUTISM ACCEPTANCE  
MONTH IN ARKANSAS.

### Subtitle

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ACCEPTANCE MONTH IN ARKANSAS.

WHEREAS, the first National Autism Awareness Month was declared by the Autism Society in April 1972 and the aim of this month is educate the public about autism; and

WHEREAS, Autism Spectrum Disorder is a complex mental condition and developmental disability, characterized by difficulties in the way a person communicates and interacts with other people;

WHEREAS, some persons with Autism Spectrum Disorder have a known difference, such as a genetic condition and for others a cause is not known; and

WHEREAS, scientists believe there are multiple causes of Autism Spectrum Disorder that act together to change the most common ways people develop and there is still much to learn about these causes and how they impact persons with Autism Spectrum Disorder; and

WHEREAS, autism can be present from birth or form during early childhood and is a lifelong developmental disability with no single known cause; and



WHEREAS, in the United States, autism affects one (1) in every one thirty-six (36) children; and

WHEREAS, Autism Acceptance Month is an event that promotes the inclusion and acceptance of people diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder; and

WHEREAS, Autism Acceptance Month seeks to shift the narrative from “awareness to acceptance,” to help autistic people feel supported throughout their lives,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the House of Representatives proclaim April as Autism Acceptance Month in the State of Arkansas.