HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.70

Reps. Wozniak, Outman, Bezotte, Markkanen, Paquette, DeBoyer, Roth, Phil Green, Zorn, Glanville, Conlin, Schriver, Alexander, Fitzgerald, Jaime Greene, Haadsma, Mentzer, Rogers, Schuette and Shannon offered the following resolution:

- 1 A resolution to declare April 2023 as Autism Acceptance Month
- 2 in the state of Michigan.
- 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

- 1 Tuesday of April each year as a time to raise awareness and
- 2 understanding about autism and to celebrate the unique strengths
- 3 and abilities of individuals on the autism spectrum; now,
- 4 therefore, be it
- 5 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
- 6 this legislative body declare April 2023 as Autism Acceptance Month
- 7 in the state of Michigan. We acknowledge and support individuals
- 8 with autism and their families, and affirm our commitment to
- 9 promoting understanding, acceptance, and inclusion of individuals
- 10 on the autism spectrum in all aspects of community life; and be it
- 11 further
- 12 Resolved, That we acknowledge and celebrate the contributions
- 13 of individuals on the autism spectrum to our society and support
- 14 efforts to provide them with equal opportunities. We call upon all
- 15 members of our community to work together to create a more
- 16 inclusive and supportive environment for individuals on the autism
- 17 spectrum and to raise awareness about the importance of early
- 18 intervention and access to services.