

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 217

Reps. Fitzgerald, Wozniak, Aiyash, Brabec, Breen, Byrnes, Glanville, Jaime Greene, Haadsma, Hope, Hoskins, Liberati, Paiz, Rheingans, Rogers, Schuette, Weiss and Zorn offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare April 2024 as Autism Awareness 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

1 Whereas, Autism Awareness Month is observed on the second
2 Tuesday of April each year as a time to raise awareness and
3 understanding about autism and to celebrate the unique strengths
4 and abilities of individuals on the autism spectrum; now,
5 therefore, be it

6 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
7 this legislative body declare April 2024 as Autism Awareness Month
8 in the state Michigan. We acknowledge and support Autism Awareness
9 Month, and affirm our commitment to promoting understanding,
10 acceptance, and inclusion of individuals on the autism spectrum in
11 all aspects of community life; and be it 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; and be it further

15 Resolved, That we call upon all members of our community to
16 work together to create a more inclusive and supportive environment
17 for individuals on the autism spectrum and to raise awareness about
18 the importance of early intervention and access to services; and be
19 it further

20 Resolved, That this resolution be spread widely through
21 tradition and social media to increase public awareness and
22 acceptance of autism and the unique needs and strengths of
23 individuals on the autism spectrum.