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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The observance of World Autism Awareness Day on  
2 April 2, 2023, provides a fitting opportunity to promote better  
3 understanding of autism and the issues faced by individuals living  
4 with the disorder; and

5           WHEREAS, In 2007, WAAD was established by the United Nations  
6 as a platform to raise public awareness about the neurological  
7 condition and to highlight the need to improve quality of life for  
8 those with autism spectrum disorder; and

9           WHEREAS, ASD encompasses a range of health conditions that  
10 can cause social, communication, and behavioral challenges; people  
11 experience the disorder to varying degrees, and symptoms can  
12 include being nonverbal, engaging in atypical speech patterns and  
13 repetitive behaviors, and having significantly high or low levels  
14 of sensitivity to various sensory stimuli; and

15           WHEREAS, In recent years, many medical professionals and  
16 researchers have embraced the neurodiversity paradigm, moving away  
17 from the idea of "curing" autism and instead focusing on supporting  
18 those affected by it; in addition to helping restore dignity and  
19 self-esteem, this shift has allowed individuals with autism and  
20 their families to concentrate on securing access to the services  
21 they need; and

22           WHEREAS, World Autism Awareness Day serves to foster an  
23 environment of compassion and acceptance for those impacted by this  
24 complex disorder, and all Texans are encouraged to affirm their

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1 commitment to this worthwhile goal; now, therefore, be it

2           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
3 Legislature hereby recognize April 2, 2023, as World Autism  
4 Awareness Day.