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H.B. No. 3096

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to designating March 17 as Profound Autism Awareness Day.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 662, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 662.089 to read as follows:

Sec. 662.089. PROFOUND AUTISM AWARENESS DAY. (a) March 17 is Profound Autism Awareness Day to raise awareness about profound autism. People with profound autism often require continuous care from an adult caregiver throughout their lives, may have severe intellectual disabilities, difficulty speaking, or an inability to speak, and are frequently excluded from research and support programs because of their unique needs.

(b) Profound Autism Awareness Day shall regularly be observed by appropriate ceremonies and activities, including by showing support for those who experience profound autism and providing information regarding resources for people with profound autism and their caregivers.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.