
THIRD READING

Bill No: ACR 73
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Vote: 21

ASSEMBLY FLOOR: Read and adopted, 4/26/21

SUBJECT: Autism Awareness Month

SOURCE: Author

DIGEST: This resolution designates April 2021 as Autism Awareness Month and encourages residents to show support for autism awareness.

ANALYSIS: This resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Autism is a lifelong developmental disability that manifests during the first few years of a child's life and results from a neurological disorder that affects brain function.
- 2) Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) can affect an individual's social, communication, and behavioral skills.
- 3) Autism affects children from all countries, regardless of gender, race, or socio-economic status.
- 4) Autism affects people from all backgrounds, but disproportionately affects minority and economically disadvantaged communities due to the cost and inaccessibility of autism care.
- 5) While there is no cure for autism, it is well-documented that if individuals with autism receive treatment early in their lives, it is often possible for those individuals to lead significantly improved lives.

- 6) While there is no diagnostic test for ASD, the increased awareness of autism and the detection services available today make it possible for more people to be properly diagnosed with ASD.
- 7) ASD is not becoming more pervasive, but rather, the increased accessibility to services and professionals is assisting individuals in the diagnosis process.
- 8) Individuals with autism often require a lifetime of specialized and community support services to ensure their health and safety, as well as the resilience of their families as they manage the psychological and financial burdens autism presents.

This resolution designates the month of April 2021 as Autism Awareness Month and encourages residents to show support for autism awareness.

Related/Prior Legislation

SCR 40 (Hueso, Resolution Chapter 65, Statutes of 2019) designated April 2019 as Autism Awareness Month.

SCR 125 (Hueso, Resolution Chapter 66, Statutes of 2018) designated April 2018 as Autism Awareness Month.

FISCAL EFFECT: Appropriation: No Fiscal Com.: No Local: No

SUPPORT: (Verified 5/5/21)

None received

OPPOSITION: (Verified 5/5/21)

None received

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