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2017 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 26

March 29, 2017 - Introduced by Representative Murphy, cosponsored by Senator Roth. Referred to Committee on Rules.

Rela	ating t	o: proclair	ning April	$2017~\mathrm{as}$	\mathbf{Autism} .	Awareness	Month in	Wisconsin.
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Whereas, autism, or autism spectrum disorder (ASD), refers to a range of neurodevelopmental conditions characterized by impaired social interactions, restricted and repetitive behaviors, and speech and nonverbal communication problems, as well as by unique strengths and differences; and

Whereas, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that 1 in 68, or 1.5 percent, of school-aged children have ASD. This includes 1 in 42 boys and 1 in 189 girls; and

Whereas, it is estimated that more than 3.5 million Americans have ASD; and Whereas, ASD can take an emotional, physical, and financial toll on the

families and children affected; and

Whereas, research shows that early diagnosis of ASD and early intervention can reduce symptoms and lead to significantly improved outcomes; and

1	Whereas, many children with ASD who receive early and ongoing treatment
2	learn communication skills that allow them to attend school, make friends, and
3	participate in their communities; and
4	Whereas, early detection and treatment for autistic infants and children also
5	benefits Wisconsin taxpayers by reducing the costs of support services they might
6	otherwise require later in life; and
7	Whereas, the most obvious signs of ASD typically appear between two and
8	three years of age, but less than half of children with ASD receive developmental
9	evaluations by age three; and
10	Whereas, increased awareness of ASD and its effects is vital to ensure that
11	everyone knows the warning signs and the importance of early detection and
12	treatment; and
13	Whereas, the Autism Awareness Puzzle Ribbon is the most recognized symbol
14	of the ASD community in the world; and
15	Whereas, April is nationally recognized as Autism Awareness Month and April
16	2 is recognized as World Autism Awareness Day; now, therefore, be it
17	Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the legislature
18	hereby proclaims April 2017 as Autism Awareness Month in Wisconsin.
19	(END)