

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing April 2024 as Autism Acceptance and Awareness
2 Month.

3 WHEREAS, one in 36 children in the United States have been diagnosed with
4 autism spectrum disorder; and

5 WHEREAS, individuals living autism spectrum disorder can achieve independence
6 and live purposeful lives when afforded the support system and opportunities that each
7 and everyone deserves; and

8 WHEREAS, many individuals and families living with autism know that
9 acceptance is often one of the largest barriers to finding and developing a strong support
10 system; and

11 WHEREAS, the Autism Society of Kentucky understands the importance of
12 fostering acceptance in order to achieve equity in education, employment, housing, health
13 care, and comprehensive long-term services and supports; and

14 WHEREAS, the Autism Society of Kentucky provides education and understanding
15 to promote acceptance, inspire inclusion, and create systems-wide change for individuals
16 with autism so they may achieve full participation within society; and

17 WHEREAS, policies need to be implemented that break down barriers for
18 individuals with autism so they may succeed in their chosen communities; and

19 WHEREAS, self-advocates, family caregivers, professionals, and others who work
20 every day to create more opportunities for individuals with autism should be recognized
21 for their contributions; and

22 WHEREAS, one goal of Autism Awareness and Acceptance Month is to spread
23 awareness, foster acceptance, and empower everyone in the autism community with the
24 resources needed to live fully; and

25 WHEREAS, the ultimate goal is to create a world where everyone in the autism
26 community feels accepted and connected to the support they need when they need it; and

27 WHEREAS, the members of the Senate celebrate the myriad ways in which those

1 with autism contribute to their families and communities in Kentucky;

2 NOW, THEREFORE,

3 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
4 *Kentucky:*

5 ➔Section 1. The Senate does hereby recognizes April 2024 as Autism Acceptance
6 and Awareness Month in the Commonwealth.

7 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
8 Resolution to Senator Amanda Mays Bledsoe.