

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing March 16 to 20, 2026, as Neurodiversity Celebration
2 Week in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

3 WHEREAS, neurodiversity includes experiences such as autism, ADHD, dyslexia,
4 auditory processing disorder, anxiety, and post-traumatic stress disorder; and

5 WHEREAS, one in seven Americans are neurodivergent, and approximately 83,000
6 Kentuckians are on the autism spectrum; and

7 WHEREAS, scientific research has identified multiple factors that may increase the
8 likelihood of a neurodiversity diagnosis, including environmental, biological, and genetic
9 factors; and

10 WHEREAS, outdated language that frames neurodiversity as a "chronic disease" or
11 "epidemic" misrepresents the experience of neurodiverse individuals and fuels stigma,
12 discrimination, and systemic barriers; and

13 WHEREAS, it is estimated that 88 percent of individuals on the autism spectrum
14 are unemployed; and

15 WHEREAS, despite stereotypes and struggles existing in many settings,
16 neurodivergent people offer unique talents to their workplaces, schools, and
17 communities; and

18 WHEREAS, established in 2018 by Siena Castellon, a student with autism,
19 dyslexia, dyspraxia, and ADHD, Neurodiversity Celebration Week is a worldwide
20 initiative that challenges stereotypes and misconceptions about autism and learning
21 disabilities; and

22 WHEREAS, Neurodiversity Celebration Week aims to create inclusive and
23 equitable cultures that celebrate differences and empower all individuals; and

24 WHEREAS, it is imperative that there be greater public awareness of the unique
25 strengths and potential of neurodivergent people, and more must be done to increase
26 activity at the local, state, and national levels to support neurodivergent people as well as
27 their families;

1 NOW, THEREFORE,

2 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the*
3 *Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

4 ➔Section 1. The House of Representatives hereby recognizes March 16 to 20,
5 2026, as Neurodiversity Celebration Week in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

6 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
7 copy of this Resolution to Representative Daniel Grossberg.