

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing April 2, 2021, as World Autism Awareness Day and
2 April 2021 as National Autism Awareness Month.

3 WHEREAS, autism disorders affect all persons regardless of race, religion, socio-
4 economic status, or geography; and

5 WHEREAS, in 2020, the Centers for Disease Control reported that approximately 1
6 in 54 children in the United States is diagnosed with an autism disorder; and

7 WHEREAS, based on data collected in 2015, nearly 100,000 Kentuckians aged 3-
8 21 had been diagnosed with an autism disorder; and

9 WHEREAS, on December 18, 2007, the United Nations General Assembly adopted
10 a resolution declaring World Autism Awareness Day by unanimous consent, encouraging
11 UN Member States to take measures to raise awareness about autism disorders
12 throughout society and to promote early diagnosis and early behavioral intervention; and

13 WHEREAS, the aims for World Autism Awareness Day are to inform the general
14 public about the global health crisis of autism disorders, to stress the importance of early
15 diagnosis and early intervention, and to celebrate the unique talents and qualities of
16 individuals with autism disorders; and

17 WHEREAS, autism disorders are lifelong conditions that require support, training,
18 assistance, and advocacy on behalf of those individuals who suffer from such disorders;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, on April 2, 2021, Families for Effective Autism Treatment (FEAT)
21 Louisville will light up the city's Big Four Bridge blue on behalf of autism awareness; and

22 WHEREAS, this will be the first time the Big Four Bridge will be lit blue, and the
23 lighting will run through the first week of April and the last week of April in
24 commemoration of Autism Awareness Month; and

25 WHEREAS, in this spirit, this august body honors FEAT Louisville for all they
26 have accomplished on behalf of autism awareness; and

27 WHEREAS, the members also grant all those in Kentucky who are advocates for

1 those suffering from autism disorders best wishes as they continue to serve as
2 compassionate, caring individuals to the most vulnerable citizens in this Commonwealth;

3 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

6 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate, both individually and collectively,
7 hereby recognize April 2, 2021, as World Autism Awareness Day and April 2021 as
8 Autism Awareness Month.

9 ➔Section 2. The Senate urges the citizens of the Commonwealth of Kentucky to
10 become informed of the need for services, support, and treatments for individuals with
11 autism disorders.

12 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
13 Resolution to Senator Julie Raque Adams.