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8 RECOGNIZING MARCH 15, 2016, AS AUTISM AWARENESS DAY.

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10 WHEREAS, Autism is a lifelong neurological disorder,
11 with current statistics bringing the prevalence to one in 110
12 children being diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder; and

13 WHEREAS, Autism affects each individual in different
14 ways and can range from very mild to severe, knowing no
15 racial, ethnic, or social boundaries and affecting young and
16 old alike in the State of Alabama; and

17 WHEREAS, our understanding of Autism has grown
18 tremendously since it was first diagnosed, although there is
19 no known cure; and

20 WHEREAS, accurate, early diagnosis and the resulting
21 appropriate education and intervention are vital to the future
22 growth and development of the individual; and

23 WHEREAS, hope lies in a broad spectrum of treatments
24 as well as an informed public and community committed to
25 providing service to individuals diagnosed with Autism
26 Spectrum Disorders; and

1 WHEREAS, the Autism Society of Alabama remains
2 committed to its mission and to educating families,
3 professionals, and the general public to better understand
4 this lifelong disorder; now therefore,

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
6 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we recognize March 15, 2016,
7 as Autism Awareness Day and commend the work of the Autism
8 Society of Alabama in educating the people of Alabama about
9 this neurological disorder that affects young and old alike.