
THIRD READING

Bill No: SCR 149
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Vote: 21

SUBJECT: World Autism Awareness Day

SOURCE: Author

DIGEST: This resolution designates April 2, 2026, as World Autism Awareness Day in California.

ANALYSIS: This resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring Network reports that approximately 1 in 31 children and 1 in 45 adults have been identified with autism spectrum disorder (ASD), highlighting the urgent need for continued awareness, research, and support.
- 2) Expanding ASD awareness and training among educators, healthcare professionals, employers, law enforcement officers, and first responders can help ensure that individuals with ASD are understood, supported, and treated with appropriate care and respect in schools, workplaces, and community interactions.
- 3) The observance of World Autism Awareness Day serves as a call to action for communities, educators, employers, healthcare providers, and policymakers to foster inclusivity, expand resources, and create pathways for individuals with ASD to thrive.

This resolution designates April 2, 2026, as World Autism Awareness Day and encourages all Californians to participate in efforts to promote autism awareness, acceptance, and inclusion in schools, workplaces, and communities.

Related/Prior Legislation

SCR 44 (Valladares, Resolution Chapter 50, Statutes of 2025)

FISCAL EFFECT: Appropriation: No Fiscal Com.: No Local: No

SUPPORT: (Verified 4/1/26)

None received

OPPOSITION: (Verified 4/1/26)

None received

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