

2026 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 41

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SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH. Recognizes March 17, 2026, as Profound Autism Day.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize March 17, 2026, as Profound Autism Day.

3 WHEREAS, the definition of autism has evolved over the years, creating an  
4 increasingly heterogeneous spectrum; and

5 WHEREAS, while the entire spectrum deserves recognition and support, profound  
6 autism is a term intended to provide clarification about the autistic people who require 24/7  
7 care from an adult caregiver throughout their lives; and

8 WHEREAS, people with profound autism can also have a severe intellectual  
9 disability with minimal or no language; and

10 WHEREAS, these individuals are frequently excluded from research and support  
11 programs because of their unique needs; and

12 WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released their first  
13 prevalence study on profound autism in April 2023; and

14 WHEREAS, the research concluded that the percentage of 8-year-old children with  
15 profound autism among those with autism in the United States was 26.7%, meaning that one  
16 in four children with autism have profound autism; and

17 WHEREAS, compared with children with nonprofound autism, children with  
18 profound autism were more likely to be female, from racial and ethnic minority groups, of

