

1                   **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AUTISM**

2                                   **AFTER 21 DAY**

3   2017 GENERAL SESSION

4   STATE OF UTAH

5                                   **Chief Sponsor: Rebecca P. Edwards**

6                                   Senate Sponsor: Brian E. Shiozawa

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8   **LONG TITLE**

9   **General Description:**

10           This concurrent resolution designates "Autism After 21 Day."

11   **Highlighted Provisions:**

12           This resolution:

- 13           ▶ calls attention to the many adults on the autism spectrum for whom federally
- 14 mandated services have ended;
- 15           ▶ recognizes the limited opportunities for adults on the autism spectrum and the need
- 16 for residential services; and
- 17           ▶ designates April 21 as "Autism After 21 Day."

18   **Special Clauses:**

19           None

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21   *Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein:*

22           WHEREAS, every 11 minutes a child is born in the United States who will be

23 diagnosed with autism;

24           WHEREAS, as things stand today, those autistic children will spend the majority of

25 their lives as adults in a world of few opportunities;

26           WHEREAS, in the next four years, 200,000 people on the autism spectrum will turn 21,

27 which is the age at which federally mandated services end;

28           WHEREAS, those autistic adults will join the millions of adults with disabilities who

29 face decades-long waitlists for residential services, and little to no opportunity for employment

30 or social interaction;

31 WHEREAS, some adults on the autism spectrum need few, if any, supports, and we  
32 continue to encourage their self-determination and independence;

33 WHEREAS, our attention is needed to acknowledge the many adults on the autism  
34 spectrum who are navigating adulthood and wanting to reach their full potential; and

35 WHEREAS, autistic adults deserve access to the goals established by the Americans  
36 With Disabilities Act, including equal opportunity, full participation, independent living, and  
37 economic self-sufficiency:

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the  
39 Governor concurring therein, designates April 21 as "Autism After 21 Day."

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the state  
41 legislatures of the other 49 states and members of Utah's congressional delegation.