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4 RFD: Rules  
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8 RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2014 AS AUTISM  
9 AWARENESS MONTH.

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

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

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

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

24 WHEREAS, hope lies in a broad spectrum of treatments  
25 as well as an informed public and community committed to  
26 providing service to individuals diagnosed with Autism  
27 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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
6 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we recognize the month of  
7 April 2014 as Autism Awareness Month and commend the work of  
8 the Autism Society of Alabama in educating the people of  
9 Alabama about this neurological disorder that affects young  
10 and old alike.