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March 29, 2017 - Introduced by Representative MURPHY, cosponsored by Senator ROTH. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** proclaiming April 2017 as Autism Awareness Month in Wisconsin.

2 Whereas, autism, or autism spectrum disorder (ASD), refers to a range of
3 neurodevelopmental conditions characterized by impaired social interactions,
4 restricted and repetitive behaviors, and speech and nonverbal communication
5 problems, as well as by unique strengths and differences; and

6 Whereas, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that 1 in
7 68, or 1.5 percent, of school-aged children have ASD. This includes 1 in 42 boys and
8 1 in 189 girls; and

9 Whereas, it is estimated that more than 3.5 million Americans have ASD; and

10 Whereas, ASD can take an emotional, physical, and financial toll on the
11 families and children affected; and

12 Whereas, research shows that early diagnosis of ASD and early intervention
13 can reduce symptoms and lead to significantly improved outcomes; and

