

# Resolution

ENROLLED HOUSE  
RESOLUTION NO. 1008

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A Resolution recognizing March 17, 2025, as Profound Autism Day at the State Capitol; and expressing the importance of awareness and support for profound autism.

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

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

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

WHEREAS, individuals with profound autism are frequently excluded from research and support programs because of his or her unique needs; and

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

WHEREAS, the research concluded that the percentage of 8-year-old children with profound autism among those with autism in the United States was 26.7%. This means that 1 in 4 children with autism have profound autism; and

WHEREAS, compared with children with non-profound autism, children with profound autism were more likely to be female, from racial and ethnic minority groups, of low socioeconomic status, born

preterm or with low birth weight, have self-injurious behaviors, have seizure disorders, and have lower adaptive scores; and

WHEREAS, people with profound autism and those who care for them live in our midst, frequently in isolation, and need our inclusion and support. Specific consideration of their unique challenge is critical.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 60TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT Monday, March 17th, 2025, is hereby recognized by the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the State of Oklahoma as Profound Autism Day, in order to raise public awareness and support for profound autism within our communities and within our state.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 13th day of March, 2025.

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Presiding Officer of the House of  
Representatives

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