

By Senator Campbell

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Senate Resolution

A resolution designating April 1-7, 2018, as "Autism Soccer Awareness Week" in Florida.

WHEREAS, autism spectrum disorder is a lifelong developmental disability resulting in impairment of an individual's ability to learn, develop healthy interactive behaviors, and understand verbal, nonverbal, and reciprocal communication, and

WHEREAS, autism, the result of a neurological disorder affecting brain function, affects one in every 68 children and millions nationwide, but few understand this complex disorder, and

WHEREAS, children with autism have a variety of symptoms and disabilities, and

WHEREAS, children with autism have been discriminated against in the participation of sports and extracurricular activities because of these symptoms and disabilities, and

WHEREAS, children with autism have a right to reap the physical and mental benefits of sports and extracurricular activities, and

WHEREAS, children with autism must be given the chance to participate in sports and extracurricular activities as we continue to research this complex neurological disorder to find treatment options to help those affected and as we strive to provide families with education, awareness, and acceptance, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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31 That April 1-7, 2018, is designated as "Autism Soccer
32 Awareness Week" in Florida and that all residents are encouraged
33 to engage children with autism in sports and extracurricular
34 activities.