

By Senator Calatayud

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing February 15, 2024, as  
Angelman Syndrome Awareness Day.

WHEREAS, Angelman syndrome is a rare, neurogenetic disorder that affects chromosome 15, resulting in a person's intellectual and developmental delay, and

WHEREAS, about 1 in 20,000 people in the United States are affected by Angelman syndrome, and

WHEREAS, a primary goal of the Department of Health's Rare Disease Advisory Council is to identify the data necessary to understand the population with rare diseases in this state, including the incidence of Angelman syndrome, and

WHEREAS, the University of Florida College of Medicine's Division of Genetics and Metabolism provides leading research in the treatment of Angelman syndrome, and the Nicklaus Children's Hospital in Miami offers care through its Angelman Syndrome Clinic, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of Angelman Syndrome Awareness Day is to raise awareness and understanding of this condition, mobilize people to action, encourage fundraising, promote research and educational resources, and remember those affected by Angelman syndrome, and

WHEREAS, with early identification and treatment, the medical, sleep, seizure, and developmental issues associated with Angelman syndrome may be managed, and

WHEREAS, the Angelman Syndrome Foundation and the Foundation for Angelman Syndrome Therapeutics provide advocacy, education, support, and access to resources for patients,

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30 families, and researchers around the world, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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34 That the Florida Senate hereby recognizes February 15,

35 2024, as Angelman Syndrome Awareness Day.