

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2025-4636, by Representatives Zahn, Thomas, Penner, Ryu, Dufault, Leavitt, Bronoske, Donaghy, Taylor, Stuebe, Parshley, Dent, Obras, Thai, Jacobsen, Eslick, Burnett, Salahuddin, and Pollet

1 WHEREAS, Profound autism is a subtype of autism spectrum disorder
2 (ASD), characterized by a severe intellectual disability and
3 significant difficulties with communication; and

4 WHEREAS, While the entire spectrum deserves recognition and
5 support, profound autism is a term intended to provide clarification
6 about autistic people who require 24/7 care throughout their lives;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, According to the Centers for Disease Control and
9 Prevention, 1 in 36 children in the United States are diagnosed with
10 ASD, and approximately 1 in 4 children diagnosed with ASD have
11 profound autism; and

12 WHEREAS, Profound autism is often a disorder with significant
13 unmet patient needs; and

14 WHEREAS, Individuals with profound autism often face unique
15 challenges, including higher rates of self-injurious behaviors,
16 seizure disorders, and lower adaptive functioning, necessitating
17 specialized services and interventions; and

18 WHEREAS, People with profound autism consistently experience
19 unique and often unseen challenges that require solutions, not only
20 for them but for their caregivers; and

21 WHEREAS, Public campaigns to highlight profound autism provide an
22 opportunity to increase awareness and further educate the public

1 about autism and to promote understanding, acceptance, and support
2 for individuals with profound autism and their families;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House
4 of Representatives commend those serving and supporting individuals
5 with profound autism as they convene on March 17, 2025, to highlight
6 and educate others about profound autism and encourage Washingtonians
7 to learn more about profound autism.

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9 I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
10 Resolution 4636 adopted by the House of Representatives
11 March 13, 2025
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Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk