

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 95

Senators Hertel, McDonald Rivet, Wojno, Shink, Chang, Klinefelt, Huizenga, Santana, Cherry, Singh and Webber offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to designate February 15, 2024, as Angelman
2 Syndrome Awareness Day.

3 Whereas, Angelman syndrome is a rare neuro-genetic disorder
4 that occurs in one in every 15,000 live births or 500,000 people
5 worldwide; and

6 Whereas, Angelman syndrome shares symptoms and characteristics
7 with other disorders including autism, cerebral palsy, and Prader-
8 Willi syndrome, often leading to misdiagnosis; and

9 Whereas, Individuals diagnosed with Angelman syndrome have
10 developmental problems that become noticeable by the age of 6-12

1 months; and

2 Whereas, Common signs and symptoms usually appear in early
3 childhood like walking and balance disorders, gastrointestinal
4 issues, seizures, and little to no speech; and

5 Whereas, Life expectancy of individuals with Angelman syndrome
6 is normal and itself does not cause death; and

7 Whereas, Despite its symptoms, people with Angelman syndrome
8 have an overall happy and excitable demeanor; and

9 Whereas, It is critical for the success of research and
10 support services that we raise awareness in the general public and
11 the medical community about Angelman syndrome; now, therefore, be
12 it

13 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative
14 body designate February 15, 2024, as Angelman Syndrome Awareness
15 Day.