

*A Resolution Supporting The Designation of ADHD Awareness Month and Autism Acceptance Month Official University Observances*

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**WHEREAS**, The Diagnostic Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, 5th Edition (DSM-5), validates both Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder and Autism Spectrum Disorder as mental health conditions that are recognized by mental health professionals, **AND**

**WHEREAS**, Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD), Attention Deficit Disorder Association (ADDA), and ADHD Coaches Organization (ACO) all formally recognize ADHD Awareness Month as the month of October,<sup>1</sup> **AND**

**WHEREAS**, The Autism Society of America, Autistic Self Advocacy Network (ASAN), and the Association of University Centers for Disabilities (AUCD) all formally recognize Autism Acceptance Month as the month of April,<sup>2, 3, 4</sup> **AND**

**WHEREAS**, Wayne State University students with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder and Autism Spectrum Disorder deserve to be recognized, supported, and appreciated by the University and WSU Student Senate, **AND**

**WHEREAS**, ADHD Awareness Month and Autism Acceptance Month are meant to bring more awareness and acceptance of Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder and Autism Spectrum Disorder, help destigmatize the mental health conditions and the discussions regarding them, and spread factual information of effective ways to support those with the mental health conditions, **AND**

**WHEREAS**, Providing factual information about Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder and Autism Spectrum Disorder helps deter stigmas, ableism, and other possible discriminatory factors about both mental health conditions from arising, **AND**

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1 [ADHD Awareness Month October 2021](#)

2 [\[Autism Society\] Autism Acceptance Month](#)

3 [Acceptance is an Action: ASAN Statement on 10th Anniversary of AAM](#)

4 [April 2021: Autism Acceptance Month](#)

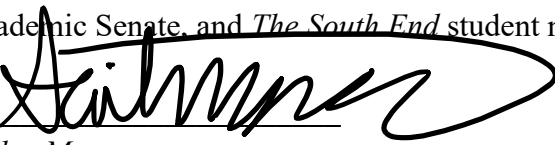
**WHEREAS**, Advocating for the available on-campus resources for those with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder and Autism Spectrum Disorder to utilize such as Counseling and Psychological Services, the Psychology Clinic, Student Disability Services, and the Campus Health Center is of the utmost importance, **AND**


**WHEREAS**, Wayne State University academic entities such as Counseling and Psychological Services, the Psychology Clinic, Student Disability Services, and the Campus Health Center, as well as the student community of the Social Work Student Alliance, all formally endorse this resolution, **AND**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Wayne State University Student Senate calls on the University to curate programming for ADHD Awareness Month and Autism Acceptance Month to be observed by all members of the WSU community, fostering and supporting safe spaces for learning, listening, and reflection, **AND**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Wayne State University proactively recognizes ADHD Awareness Month and Autism Acceptance Month as months of observance and to be labeled as such on University calendars without class cancellation,

**AND FINALLY BE IT ORDERED**, that the Wayne State University Student Senate will circulate this resolution to all relevant outlets, including the University President, the University Provost, the members of the Board of Governors, the President of the Wayne State University Academic Senate, and *The South End* student newspaper.

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Sailor Mayes  
President

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