

Administration of Donald J. Trump, 2026

Message on Autism Awareness Day

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Today we recognize Americans with autism spectrum disorder (ASD), whose talents, character, and determination strengthen our Nation and enrich our communities.

Every child is made in the image and likeness of God, with inherent dignity, purpose, and worth. The lives of those with autism reflect that truth in powerful ways, bringing joy, insight, and inspiration to their families, communities, and our country. My administration remains committed to ensuring that individuals living with autism have the support and resources they need to reach their full potential.

We are working to improve the lives of those with ASD and their families by advancing research, expanding resources, and working with communities to better understand needs. We are also increasing awareness of the early signs of autism and promoting timely screening so that children can be supported as early as possible. These efforts help connect families to care, strengthen support in schools, and ensure that every child has the opportunity to succeed.

In recent decades, we have seen a sharp increase in the rate of children with autism, with 1 in 32 children now identified as being on the spectrum. Last year, I created the Make America Healthy Again Commission, and—working with the Department of Health and Human Services—we are investing in major research efforts to better understand autism and increase potential treatment options. We are also investing in research into possible causes and risk factors so we can better protect the health and well-being of future generations.

This Autism Awareness Day, we reaffirm our commitment to expanding understanding, supporting families, and ensuring that children with autism receive the care they need. We will continue building a future where every person is valued and given the opportunity to achieve their own American Dream.

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