

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 95

Senators Hertel, McDonald Rivet, Wojno, Shink, Chang, Klinefelt, Huizenga and Santana 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  
11 months; and

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

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

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

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

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