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**Bringing Elected Officials, People with Autism, and Families Together at Autism Awareness & Acceptance Event at the Capitol April 3rd**

*April declared Autism Awareness Month*

(Madison, WI) – Governor Evers will present a proclamation to recognize April as Autism Awareness Month on Wednesday, April 3rd at 11 a.m. in the Senate Parlor.

Senate President Roger Roth (R—Appleton), Autism Society Affiliates in Wisconsin, and a panel of speakers who have autism will share their stories and discuss policy issues affecting individuals and families with autism in Wisconsin.

“With nearly 1 in 59 individuals affected by autism, it’s important that my colleagues and I spend time listening to, and learning from individuals with autism and their families,” said Sen. Roth.

“Meaningful discussions about maximizing the quality of life for people with autism through effective policies must include the voices of people with autism. We’re thankful for this opportunity to bring our community together, celebrate the contributions of those with autism, and highlight the stories and experiences of four individuals on the spectrum from Wisconsin,” said Kirsten Cooper, the Executive Director of the Autism Society of Wisconsin.

Sen. Roth and the Autism Society Affiliates are proud to partner this April to increase community understanding and work toward building autism-friendly, inclusive communities.

The Autism Society Affiliates in Wisconsin are a part of a national network that shares the vision of individuals and families living with autism able to maximize their quality of life, are treated with the highest level of dignity, and live in a society in which their talents and skills are appreciated and valued.

Affiliates across the state focus on serving people with autism, their families and professionals through five core service areas; Advocacy, Education, Information & Referral, Support and Community.

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