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### World Autism Day April 2

World Autism Awareness/Acceptance Day is internationally known as a day to recognize and spread autism awareness. [In 2007](#), the United Nations (UN) sanctioned April 2 of every year as World Autism Awareness Day.

Autism rights advocates, such as the Autism Society of America and the Autistic Self Advocacy Network (ASAN), promote the use of the word “acceptance” vs. “awareness”. As stated on the [ASAN website](#), “The goal of Autism Acceptance Day as envisioned by its creator, Ms. Durbin-Westby, is to create a more balanced discourse in which Autistic people are viewed not just as the sum of their difficulties, but as whole human beings.”

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