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Short Title: Designate NC Fragile X Awareness Day. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Fulghum, Holley, Insko, and Dollar (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT DESIGNATING JULY TWENTY-SECOND OF EACH YEAR AS NORTH
3 CAROLINA FRAGILE X AWARENESS DAY.

4 Whereas, Fragile X syndrome is a genetic condition that causes intellectual
5 disability, behavioral and learning challenges, and various physical features; and

6 Whereas, although Fragile X syndrome occurs in both genders, males are more
7 frequently affected than females and generally with greater severity; and

8 Whereas, over 100,000 people in the United States have Fragile X syndrome and an
9 estimated 1,000,000 people in the United States carry a Fragile X mutation and have or are at
10 risk of developing a Fragile X-associated disorder; and

11 Whereas, approximately one-third of all children with Fragile X syndrome also have
12 autism or an autism spectrum disorder; and

13 Whereas, although the genetic defect that causes Fragile X is easily identified by
14 testing, there is a lack of awareness about the disease, even within the medical community; and

15 Whereas, special care for an individual with Fragile X syndrome can cost over
16 \$2,000,000; and

17 Whereas, Fragile X research, both basic and applied, has the potential for the
18 development of a cure and may be a model for neuropsychiatric disorders, such as autism,
19 schizophrenia, pervasive developmental disorders, and other forms of X-linked intellectual
20 disability; and

21 Whereas, several states have established a Fragile X Awareness Day to help raise
22 public awareness of this genetic disorder; Now, therefore,
23 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

24 **SECTION 1.** Chapter 103 of the General Statutes is amended by adding the
25 following new section to read:

26 "**§ 103-12. Fragile X Awareness Day.**

27 The twenty-second of July of each year is designated as North Carolina Fragile X
28 Awareness Day."

29 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

