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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 216

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*Designating May, in 2012 and in each succeeding year, as X & Y Chromosomal Variation Awareness Month in Virginia.*

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Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, X & Y Chromosomal Variations cause a lifelong condition that results in an impairment of an individual's ability to learn and delayed development in central nervous system and body condition; and

WHEREAS, every day 20 children in the United States will be born with XXY, XXX, and XYY chromosomal variations and only five of those 20 will be diagnosed in their lifetime and receive appropriate treatment; and

WHEREAS, X & Y Chromosomal Variations are genetic disorders that affect growth and development, but few members of the general public understand the impact of these disorders; and

WHEREAS, although there is no cure, persons with X & Y Chromosomal Variations can be treated for this disorder; early diagnosis and intervention are vital to the success of these individuals; and

WHEREAS, support groups and organizations have dedicated years of research and service in their ongoing efforts to promote support and knowledge of diagnosis and treatment of all persons with X & Y Chromosomal Variations; and

WHEREAS, these groups remain committed to their cause and to educating families, professionals, and the general public to better understand this lifelong disability; and

WHEREAS, X & Y Chromosomal Variations are complex disorders that require increased research and knowledge to continue finding treatments to maximize potential; and

WHEREAS, greater recognition and understanding are needed to ensure that individuals living with X & Y Chromosomal Variations are diagnosed and appropriately treated throughout their lives; and

WHEREAS, a month dedicated to bringing attention to the prevalence of X & Y Chromosomal Variations will provide an opportunity to educate parents, teachers, and healthcare practitioners about X & Y Chromosomal Variations and how to test for, care for, and treat these disorders; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly designate May, in 2012 and in each succeeding year, as X & Y Chromosomal Variation Awareness Month in Virginia; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates post the designation of this month on the General Assembly's website.

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