



2013 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 38

May 31, 2013 – Introduced by Representatives CZAJA, BERCEAU, BROOKS, JACQUE, JORGENSEN, KLEEFISCH, T. LARSON, MURTHA, OHNSTAD, A. OTT, RINGHAND, RIPP, SCHRAA, SINICKI, THIESFELDT and WRIGHT, cosponsored by Senators TIFFANY, COWLES, LASSA and L. TAYLOR. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** proclaiming Gastroschisis Awareness Day.

2 Whereas, gastroschisis is a birth defect that causes the intestines to protrude
3 from the abdomen and is rapidly increasing in incidence; and

4 Whereas, 1 in 2,229 individuals are born with gastroschisis in the United States
5 annually; and

6 Whereas, many Americans living with gastroschisis have serious and
7 debilitating conditions that have a significant impact on their lives, including but not
8 limited to failure to thrive, slow growth, the need for multiple organ transplants, and
9 long-term feeding issues; and

10 Whereas, individuals and families affected by gastroschisis often experience
11 problems such as a sense of isolation, difficulty in obtaining an accurate and timely
12 diagnosis, few treatment options, and problems related to accessing or being
13 reimbursed for treatment; and

1 Whereas, the cause of gastroschisis is relatively unknown, and patients and
2 their families must bear a large share of the burden for things such as raising funds
3 for research; and

4 Whereas, an official awareness day proclamation is often the precursor to
5 funding for research and other avenues of support; and

6 Whereas, Avery’s Angels Gastroschisis Foundation is organizing a nationwide
7 observance of Gastroschisis Awareness Day on July 30, 2013, and every year
8 thereafter; and

9 Whereas, Avery John Rauen, the son of the founder of Avery’s Angels, passed
10 away from complications of his gastroschisis on July 30, 2009, at the University of
11 North Carolina–Chapel Hill hospital, and this date is to commemorate him and all
12 others living with or deceased from gastroschisis; now, therefore, be it

13 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the members of the
14 Wisconsin legislature proclaim July 30, 2013, as Gastroschisis Awareness Day in the
15 state of Wisconsin, and commend this observance to all citizens; and, be it further

16 ***Resolved, That*** the members of the legislature call upon our citizens to learn
17 more about gastroschisis to help to raise awareness; and, be it further

18 ***Resolved, That*** the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint
19 resolution to Avery’s Angels Gastroschisis Foundation.

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