



## 2015 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 77

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1     **Relating to:** proclaiming January 2016 as National Blood Donor Month in  
2           Wisconsin.

3           Whereas, every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood; and

4           Whereas, more than 70,000 Americans are affected by sickle cell disease, which  
5     often requires frequent blood transfusions to treat throughout their lifetimes; and

6           Whereas, 1.6 million Americans were diagnosed with cancer last year alone,  
7     many of whom will need blood, sometimes daily, during chemotherapy; and

8           Whereas, there is always a need for more blood, because it needs to be ready for  
9     accident victims, women undergoing childbirth, and surgical patients, and blood can  
10    be stored for only 42 days; and

11          Whereas, in August 2015, the American Red Cross issued an urgent call to  
12    donors to continue to give blood, citing an impending shortage of their most-needed  
13    blood types; and

14          Whereas, according to the American Red Cross, while 38% of the American  
15    population is eligible to donate blood, less than 10% actually do so each year; and

