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2017 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 61

June 23, 2017 - Introduced by Senators L. TAYLOR and VINEHOUT, cosponsored by Representatives HORLACHER, HINTZ, POPE, SPREITZER, SUBECK, C. TAYLOR, ZEPNICK, ANDERSON, BOWEN, PETRYK and FIELDS. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** proclaiming September 2017 as Childhood Obesity Awareness Month.

2 Whereas, obesity has seen a dramatic increase in the United States from 1990
3 through 2010, and is a serious health risk that we need to take action against today;
4 and

5 Whereas, more than one-third of adults in the United States are obese, which
6 equals 78.6 million Americans; and

7 Whereas, in 2015, 30.7 percent of adults in Wisconsin were considered obese,
8 making us the 19th most obese state in the nation; and

9 Whereas, obesity-related conditions include heart disease, stroke, type 2
10 diabetes, and certain types of cancer, which are some of the leading causes of
11 preventable death; and

12 Whereas, not only are these conditions dangerous, they are also costly, with an
13 estimated annual medical cost of obesity in the United States of about \$147 billion
14 in 2008, and with the medical costs of those who are obese approximately \$1,429
15 higher than those of normal weight; and

