
ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Whereas, one of the most common reasons people give for not donating blood is that they “never thought about it”; and

Whereas, proclaiming January 2016 as National Blood Donor Month would spread awareness of the need for donating blood, encouraging donation at a time when the American medical community needs it more than ever; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the legislature hereby proclaims January 2016 as National Blood Donor Month.

Representative Robin J. Vos
Speaker of the Assembly

Senator Mary Lazich
President of the Senate

Date

Jeffrey Renk
Senate Chief Clerk