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2005 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 26

May 31, 2005 – Introduced by Senators A. Lasee, Roessler, Darling, Olsen, Stepp, Carpenter, Kedzie, Coggs and Breske, cosponsored by Representatives Ainsworth, Kerkman, Gronemus, Owens, Hahn, Bies, Albers, Boyle, Jeskewitz, Kreibich, Pocan, M. Williams, Ott, Berceau, Petrowski, Gunderson, Lothian, Sheridan, Towns, Fields, Davis, Hundertmark, Grigsby, Vrakas, Van Roy, Turner and Lehman. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

Relating to: proclaiming June 7 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Day in Wisconsin.

Whereas, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Program of Cancer Registries verifies that, in 1998, prostate cancer accounted for 28 percent of all new cancer cases among Wisconsin males; 3,348 new cases of invasive prostate cancer were reported to the Wisconsin Cancer Reporting System; the 1998 Wisconsin age-adjusted incidence rate for prostate cancer was 122 per 100,000 males; and prostate cancer caused 13 percent of male cancer deaths in Wisconsin, 2nd only to lung cancer; and

Whereas, reflecting the general trend in the population toward increased longevity, the number of men afflicted with prostate cancer is rapidly increasing, and currently 98 percent of prostate cancers in Wisconsin occur among males 50 years of age and older; and

Whereas, according to the National Center for Health Statistics of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the estimated number of deaths in Wisconsin from prostate cancer in 2005 will be 530, and nationally will be 30,350; and

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Whereas, risk factors for prostate cancer include age, race, family history, high-fat diet, and nationality; and

Whereas, research suggests that low-fat diets, consuming a variety of fruits and vegetables, vitamin E supplements, and hormone suppression help reduce the risk of prostate cancer; and

Whereas, every man aged 50 years and older should discuss prostate cancer screening options or results with his doctor; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the Wisconsin legislature proclaims June 7 to be Prostate Cancer Awareness Day in Wisconsin, and urges all male citizens to be educated about prostate cancer so as to combat this disease.

12 (END)