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## **2015 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 83**

January 22, 2016 – Introduced by Senators L. TAYLOR, HARRIS DODD, C. LARSON, LASSA, OLSEN, RINGHAND, RISSER and VINEHOUT, cosponsored by Representatives OHNSTAD, BALLWEG, BERCEAU, GENRICH, GOYKE, HORLACHER, JORGENSEN, A. OTT, SINICKI, SPREITZER, SUBECK, C. TAYLOR and ZEPNICK. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1	Relating to: naming February 2016 as Children's Dental Health Awareness Month
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2	in Wisconsin.
3	Whereas, American students miss 51 million hours of school every year to
4	attend to oral health, so it is important to reduce missed instruction time by
5	promoting effective dental health; and
6	Whereas, since virtually all American adults have tooth decay and nearly a
7	quarter have untreated cavities, dental health is an issue that affects Americans of
8	all ages and demographics; and
9	Whereas, because safe oral health practices such as tooth brushing, flossing,
LO	and use of mouthwash are both effective and easy to teach, awareness plays a huge
11	role in the practice of good oral hygiene; and
12	Whereas, there are many long term effects of poor oral hygiene, so it is
13	important to promote dental health for young children and students to encourage
14	good habits and a lifetime of disease-free teeth; and

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1	Whereas, since teachers, health care providers, and parents can all influence
2	oral health practices, the American Dental Association has supported making
3	February a month-long, national health observance to encourage beneficial dental
4	health practices; and
5	Whereas, the legislature has an opportunity to join the national campaign to
6	"defeat Monster Mouth" and bring awareness to the importance of good dental
7	health; now, therefore, be it
8	<b>Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That</b> the legislature
9	hereby proclaims February 2016 as Children's Dental Health Awareness Month in
10	Wisconsin.
11	(END)