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## 2023 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 46

May 24, 2023 - Introduced by Senators BALLWEG, L. JOHNSON, CARPENTER, FELZKOWSKI, HESSELBEIN, JACQUE, ROYS and SPREITZER, cosponsored by Representatives ROZAR, VINING, SNYDER, ANDRACA, ARMSTRONG, C. ANDERSON, BARE, CABRERA, CLANCY, CONLEY, CONSIDINE, DRAKE, DUCHOW, GOYKE, HAYWOOD, HONG, JOERS, MADISON, MOORE OMOKUNDE, MYERS, PALMERI, RATCLIFF, SHELTON, SINICKI, SNODGRASS, STUBBS, SUBECK, O'CONNOR and SHANKLAND. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1     **Relating to:** proclaiming May 2023 to be Maternal Health Month in Wisconsin.

2             Whereas, the family, in which mothers perform a crucial role, is a major social  
3 institution in Wisconsin and throughout the world that provides tremendous value  
4 to both its members and society as a whole; and

5             Whereas, mothers have an indispensable role in building and transforming  
6 society and culture and moving our state, country, and world forward, remaining  
7 steadfast in their pursuit of a better and brighter future for their children; and

8             Whereas, mothers have a unique bond with their children, and the health of  
9 mothers is directly tied to the health of their children both prenatal and postpartum;  
10 and

11            Whereas, the mental and behavioral health of mothers is crucial to the health  
12 of their families and children; and

13            Whereas, the suicide rate for mothers within 365 days postpartum in Wisconsin  
14 is 2.0 per 100,000; and

1           Whereas, in 2021, there were a total of 56 pregnancy-associated deaths within  
2           365 days postpartum, a mortality ratio of 90.6 per 100,000 live births; and

3           Whereas, Wisconsin has significant racial disparities in maternal mortality  
4           rates, with pregnancy-related mortality rates for non-Hispanic Black mothers five  
5           times greater than non-Hispanic White mothers, which must be addressed; and

6           Whereas, the work of mothers is of paramount importance but is often  
7           undervalued, unnoticed, and underappreciated; and

8           Whereas, mothers are breadwinners, community leaders, advocates, allies, and  
9           pillars of the family that have, for generations, blazed new paths, opened up new  
10          possibilities, and widened circles of opportunity for their daughters and sons; and

11          Whereas, Wisconsin has a proven record of meeting challenges and creating  
12          positive change, and we are committed to making mothers' lives better and ensuring  
13          their health and prosperity; and

14          Whereas, Mother's Day is celebrated in May across Wisconsin and nationwide;  
15          and

16          Whereas, mothers and the institution of motherhood are worthy of honor and  
17          affirmation; now, therefore, be it

18          ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the members of the  
19          Wisconsin Legislature call upon the people of Wisconsin to observe May 2023 as  
20          Maternal Health Month in Wisconsin with honor, affirmation, and respect for  
21          mothers in our state; and, be it further

22          ***Resolved, That*** the legislature calls upon the people of Wisconsin to express  
23          their honor, affirmation, love, respect, and gratitude to mothers everywhere; and, be  
24          it further

