



2023 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 86

November 9, 2023 - Introduced by Senators PFAFF, HESSELBEIN, L. JOHNSON, SMITH, SPREITZER, ROYS and CARPENTER, cosponsored by Representatives HONG, EMERSON, OHNSTAD, BARE, JACOBSON, SHANKLAND, CONSIDINE, CLANCY, JOERS, CONLEY, ORTIZ-VELEZ, C. ANDERSON, SHELTON, MOORE OMOKUNDE, SINICKI, MADISON, PALMERI, DRAKE, ANDRACA and RATCLIFF. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** proclaiming the month of October 2023 as Sudden Cardiac Arrest
2 Awareness Month.

3 Whereas, Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) is a life-threatening emergency that
4 occurs when the heart unexpectedly stops beating; and

5 Whereas, Sudden Cardiac Arrest is a leading cause of death in the United
6 States with more than 356,000 people of all ages experiencing EMS-assessed
7 out-of-hospital nontraumatic SCA each year; and

8 Whereas, approximately 90 percent of people who experience out-of-hospital
9 cardiac arrest die, many because of lack of readily available lifesaving medical
10 equipment; and

11 Whereas, bystanders intervention can double or triple survival rates when
12 cardiopulmonary resuscitation and early defibrillation with an automated external
13 defibrillator are immediately administered; and

14 Whereas, comprehensive educational initiatives are needed to increase
15 awareness of Sudden Cardiac Arrest and its associated treatments among health

1 professionals and the general public, in turn facilitating early detection and proper
2 treatment; and

3 Whereas, the Wisconsin Legislature has the opportunity to bring awareness to
4 this vital public health issue; now, therefore, be it

5 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the members of the
6 Wisconsin Legislature proclaim the month of October 2023 as Sudden Cardiac Arrest
7 Awareness Month to promote awareness and early detection.

8 (END)