



## 2021 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 59

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1     **Relating to:** proclaiming May 2021 as Violence Prevention Month in the state of  
2           Wisconsin.

3           Whereas, each year, thousands of individuals and families in Wisconsin bear  
4     the physical, mental, and economic costs of violence; and

5           Whereas, violence takes many forms, including community violence, domestic  
6     and intimate partner violence, sexual violence and human trafficking, child  
7     maltreatment and exploitation, drug-related violence, and suicide; and

8           Whereas, violence is a leading cause of injury, disability, and premature death,  
9     and merely witnessing violent incidents can result in psychological disorders, such  
10    as depression, anxiety, and stress; and

11          Whereas, violence perpetuates cycles of trauma that echo across generations  
12    and discourages economic development in affected areas, thereby negatively  
13    impacting the accessibility of jobs, healthy food, and safe housing such that the  
14    Institute for Economics & Peace estimates that the direct and indirect cost of violence  
15    to the U.S. economy is \$1.4 trillion per year; and

