



State of Wisconsin
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2015 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 98

February 9, 2016 - Introduced by Senators L. TAYLOR, CARPENTER, C. LARSON, RISSER, VINEHOUT and HARRIS DODD, cosponsored by Representatives BERCEAU, JORGENSEN, MASON, OHNSTAD, SINICKI, SPREITZER, SUBECK, ZEPNICK and C. TAYLOR. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** proclaiming December 1, 2016, through December 7, 2016, as National
2 Tolerance Week in Wisconsin.

3 Whereas, in 2013, the Federal Bureau of Investigation reported that there were
4 5,992 confirmed hate crimes committed throughout the United States; and

5 Whereas, hate crimes have taken lives, destroyed property, and intimidated
6 communities; and

7 Whereas, the dangers of intolerance are numerous and have historically proven
8 to weaken communities and divide society by race, religion, and disability; and

9 Whereas, intolerance and marginalization have led to the oppression of
10 minority groups, and this oppression is against the values that make America great;
11 and

12 Whereas, any person can be a victim of a hate crime, even if that person belongs
13 to a group constituting a majority in society; for instance, investigators have
14 gathered evidence suggesting that the perpetrator of the recent mass shooting at
15 Umpqua Community College purposefully targeted Christians; and

