



2021 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 71

July 26, 2021 – Introduced by Representatives L. MYERS, BOWEN, HAYWOOD, DRAKE, MOORE OMOKUNDE, BALDEH, STUBBS, ALLEN, BROSTOFF, BILLINGS, SNODGRASS, EMERSON, VRUWINK, S. RODRIGUEZ, NEUBAUER, HEBL, CONLEY, HONG, ANDRACA, HESSELBEIN, SINICKI, MILROY, SPREITZER, SUBECK, SHELTON, ARMSTRONG, SHANKLAND, BRANDTJEN, CONSIDINE, HINTZ and VINING, cosponsored by Senators L. TAYLOR, JOHNSON, CARPENTER, AGARD, WIRCH and LARSON. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** recognizing June 2021 as Black Music Month in the state of Wisconsin.

2 Whereas, President Jimmy Carter first recognized Black Music Month in June
3 1979 at the urging of Kenny Gamble, Ed Wright, and Dyana Williams; and

4 Whereas, President Bill Clinton formally declared June as Black Music Month
5 in 2000; and

6 Whereas, Black singers, songwriters, musicians, sound engineers, composers,
7 record producers, disc jockeys, promoters, industry executives, and music educators
8 have shaped American music and transmitted it across the globe; and

9 Whereas, the experiences of Black Americans have driven musical genres like
10 jazz, gospel, rock and roll, rhythm and blues, soul, hip hop, and rap; and

11 Whereas, the contributions of Black artists—from Lead Belly, Mahalia
12 Jackson, and Nat King Cole to Jimi Hendrix, Prince, and Beyoncé—have established
13 an indelible legacy in this country; and

14 Whereas, Black music has influenced American literature, dance, fashion,
15 theater, film, and visual arts; and

