



2023 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 102

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1 **Relating to:** observing February 29, 2024, as Rare Disease Day in Wisconsin.

2 Whereas, there are nearly 7,000 diseases and conditions considered rare (each
3 affecting fewer than 200,000 Americans) in the United States, according to the
4 National Institutes of Health (NIH); and

5 Whereas, while each of these diseases may affect small numbers of people, rare
6 diseases as a group affect approximately 25 to 30 million Americans; and

7 Whereas, many rare diseases are serious and debilitating conditions that have
8 a significant impact on the lives of those affected; and

9 Whereas, while more than 800 drugs and biologics have been approved for the
10 treatment of rare diseases according to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA),
11 millions of Americans still have rare diseases for which there is no approved
12 treatment; and

13 Whereas, individuals and families affected by rare diseases often experience
14 problems such as diagnosis delay, difficulty finding a medical expert, and lack of
15 access to treatments or ancillary services; and

