



2023 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 83

November 6, 2023 - Introduced by Senators TESTIN, WIRCH, BALLWEG, BRADLEY, CABRAL-GUEVARA, CARPENTER, COWLES, FELZKOWSKI, FEYEN, HESSELBEIN, JAMES, LARSON, MARKLEIN, NASS, PFAFF, ROYS, SPREITZER, TAYLOR and WANGGAARD, cosponsored by Representatives KURTZ, MOORE OMOKUNDE, RIEMER, VINING, EDMING, C. ANDERSON, ANDRACA, BARE, BINSFELD, BRANDTJEN, CALLAHAN, CONLEY, CONSIDINE, DITTRICH, DONOVAN, DOYLE, DRAKE, DUCHOW, EMERSON, GUNDRUM, GUSTAFSON, JOERS, S. JOHNSON, KITCHENS, KRUG, MACCO, MAGNAFICI, MELOTIK, MURPHY, MURSAU, NEDWESKI, NOVAK, O'CONNOR, OHNSTAD, ORTIZ-VELEZ, PALMERI, RETTINGER, ROZAR, SCHMIDT, SHANKLAND, SHELTON, SINICKI, SNODGRASS, SPIROS, STEFFEN, STUBBS, SUBECK and WICHGERS. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** declaring November 2023 as Veterans' Mental Health and Suicide
2 Awareness Month in Wisconsin.

3 Whereas, Wisconsin is home to more than 331,000 veterans who have faithfully
4 answered the call of military service; and

5 Whereas, veterans experience high levels of stress when transitioning from
6 military to civilian life, and about half of returning veterans do not immediately
7 receive the resources, benefits, and services that they need; and

8 Whereas, veterans are more likely to become chronically homeless than
9 nonveterans, experience disproportionately high unemployment rates, and face
10 harsh and undeserved stigma upon returning home after service; and

11 Whereas, veterans' homes and family lives are often burdened by afflictions
12 like post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, physical injury, anxiety
13 and depression, and substance use disorder; and

