1999 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 21

July 29, 1999 – Introduced by Senators ROBSON, CHVALA, CLAUSING, DARLING, PANZER and ROESSLER, cosponsored by Representatives SCHOOFF, BLACK, BOCK, BOYLE, HEBL, LA FAVE, PLOUFF, POCAN, STASKUNAS, TURNER and WARD, by request of WI Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Assoc., Inc.. Referred to Committee on Human Services and Aging.

1   **Relating to:** increasing public awareness and attention to chronic fatigue syndrome

2   as a serious and complex illness that affects many Wisconsin citizens.

3   Whereas, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of the federal Public

4   Health Service estimate that chronic fatigue syndrome affects 238 adults per

5   100,000 population and 58 adolescents per 100,000 population in the United States;

6   and

7   Whereas, chronic fatigue syndrome affects all racial, ethnic and age groups of

8   both sexes; and

9   Whereas, chronic fatigue syndrome is characterized by incapacitating

10   exhaustion which continues for at least 6 months and is accompanied by a variety

11   of symptoms such as muscle pain, exercise intolerance, headaches, sleep disorders,

12   neurological problems and substantial impairment in short–term memory or

13   concentration; and

14   Whereas, the cause of chronic fatigue syndrome is unknown, despite ongoing

15   research supported by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases of

1   the federal Public Health Service and the Centers for Disease Control and

2   Prevention; and

3   Whereas, the medical profession has not identified an effective treatment for

4   chronic fatigue syndrome; and

5   Whereas, many Wisconsin citizens with chronic fatigue syndrome struggle to

6   cope with this illness on a daily basis without full understanding and support from

7   the general public and the medical community; now, therefore, be it

8   ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** chronic fatigue

9   syndrome is recognized as a serious public health concern that requires attention

10   and understanding from health professionals and the general public.

11   **(END)**