



2009 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 12

February 18, 2009 – Introduced by Senators COGGS, RISSER, WIRCH, ERPENBACH, VINEHOUT, PLALE, SULLIVAN, TAYLOR, LASSA, COWLES and LEHMAN, cosponsored by Representatives YOUNG, GRIGSBY, A. WILLIAMS, TURNER, COLON, FIELDS, CULLEN, RICHARDS, TOWNSEND, BERNARD SCHABER, MONTGOMERY, HINTZ, SEIDEL, BIES, SPANBAUER, STRACHOTA, BERCEAU, HIXSON, BARCA, POPE-ROBERTS and TOLES. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** recognizing and supporting national Minority Cancer Awareness
2 Week.

3 Whereas, the American Cancer Society is the nationwide community-based
4 voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health
5 problem through prevention measures, saving lives, and diminishing suffering from
6 cancer through research, education, advocacy, and service; and

7 Whereas, national Minority Cancer Awareness Week provides an opportunity
8 to inform the minority community about the dangers of cancer and ways to prevent
9 it; and

10 Whereas, this year alone, approximately 1.37 million new cases of cancer will
11 be diagnosed in the United States and 26,340 in Wisconsin alone; and

12 Whereas, African-Americans have the highest death rate for cancer of any
13 racial or ethnic group, and cancer is the second leading cause of death for Hispanic
14 adults; and

