Relating to: proclaiming April 17, 2016, to April 23, 2016, as National Environmental Education Week in Wisconsin.

Whereas, nearly 97 percent of scientists agree that temperatures have risen over the past century; and

Whereas, global warming presents a serious threat towards long-term sustainability; and

Whereas, severe biodiversity reduction, huge natural resource depletion, and deforestation have been pressing issues for decades; and

Whereas, the United Nations estimates that over 150 species of plants and animals become extinct every 24 hours; and

Whereas, this rate of extinction and the increase in the rate of rising temperatures has not been experienced since the extinction of dinosaurs 65 million years ago; and

Whereas, evidence suggests that humans play a role in rising temperatures; and
Whereas, environmental education provides students with opportunities to learn about the threats facing the global environment and how to live sustainably; and

Whereas, the legislature provides an opportunity to join a national awareness effort to increase the public's environmental consciousness; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the legislature hereby proclaims April 17, 2016, to April 23, 2016, as National Environmental Education Week in Wisconsin.

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