2015 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 76

December 29, 2015 – Introduced by Senators L. TAYLOR, HARRIS DODD, C. LARSON, RINGHAND, SHILLING and RISSER, cosponsored by Representatives C. TAYLOR, ZAMARRIPA, BROSTOFF, CONSIDINE, GOYKE, HEBL, JOHNSON, JORGENSEN, KESSLER, MEYERS, MILROY, OHNSTAD, PETRYK, RIPP, SHANKLAND, SINICKI and SUBECK. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1   **Relating to:** proclaiming January 2016 as Cervical Health Awareness Month in

2   Wisconsin.

3   Whereas, 79 million Americans currently have Human Papillomavirus (HPV),

4   and many of these individuals are not aware that they are infected; and

5   Whereas, HPV is a major cause of cervical cancer, with nearly 12,000 women

6   being diagnosed each year; and

7   Whereas, HPV is one of the most common infections that can be spread through

8   sexual activity, and taking proactive measures to prevent the spread of this infection

9   would reduce health care expenditures in the United States; and

10   Whereas, HPV can be prevented through the HPV vaccine and this vaccine can

11   be found at community health care sources, sometimes at little to no cost; and

12   Whereas, regular screening tests, known as Pap screens, can dramatically

13   reduce the chance of women getting cervical cancer, as these tests detect abnormal

14   cells before these cells become cancerous; and

1   Whereas, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services believes most

2   deaths from cervical cancer could be prevented through proactive screening and

3   follow–up care; and

4   Whereas, it is in the public interest to promote proactive Pap screens and

5   well–woman visits as a way to reduce the occurrence of cervical cancer; and

6   Whereas, the legislature has an opportunity to join a national awareness effort

7   to promote cervical health; now, therefore, be it

8   ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the legislature

9   hereby proclaims January 2016 as Cervical Health Awareness Month in Wisconsin.

10   **(END)**