2015 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 92

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Relating to: proclaiming October 2016 National Bullying Prevention Month in Wisconsin.

Whereas, in 2015, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, reported that one in three children say they have been bullied; and

Whereas, the dangers of bullying are numerous and have historically proven to damage children in their self-esteem and feelings of self-worth; and

Whereas, children learn best in positive, healthy, and supportive learning environments, and bullying takes away this important learning opportunity; and

Whereas, any child can be a victim of bullying, and, with the rise of technology, victims can be harassed online and through text messaging; and

Whereas, bullying victims are two to nine times more likely to consider suicide than nonvictims; preventing harassment can save lives and better schools; and

Whereas, 160,000 students stay home from school each day to avoid harassment; and
Whereas, the national community, speaking through the Pacer National Bullying Prevention Center, has recognized that bullying shall no longer be considered an accepted childhood rite of passage; and

Whereas, the legislature has an opportunity to respect the importance of safe schools for all students; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the legislature hereby proclaims October 2016 as National Bullying Prevention Month in Wisconsin.

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