February 9, 2016 – Introduced by Senators L. TAYLOR, OLSEN, C. LARSON, RINGHAND, VINEHOUT and HARRIS DODD, cosponsored by Representatives LOUDENBECK, BERCEAU, JORGENSEN, MILROY, SINICKI, SPREITZER, SUBECK and ZEPNICK. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

Relating to: recognizing March 2016 as Brain Injury Awareness Month in Wisconsin.

Whereas, March is recognized across the nation as Brain Injury Awareness Month; and

Whereas, each year, nearly 3.5 million children and adults sustain an acquired brain injury, with more cases going unreported or unnoticed; and

Whereas, causes of an acquired brain injury include toxic exposure, trauma, tumor, stroke, electric shock, lightning strike, and near drowning; and

Whereas, 2.5 million Americans annually suffer from a traumatic brain injury caused by an impact from an external force; and

Whereas, 2.2 million people are treated for traumatic brain injuries in a hospital, and around 50,000 people will ultimately die from these injuries each year; and

Whereas, every 13 seconds, someone in the United States sustains a traumatic brain injury from a fall, assault, or accident; and
Whereas, because 12 million Americans live with the impact of a brain injury, it is important to recognize the issues facing these individuals; and

Whereas, there are many victims who are affected by the results of a sustained brain injury, including family, friends, coworkers, and neighbors; and

Whereas, Brain Injury Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about the resources available to treat and recover from brain injuries; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That** the month of March 2016 is recognized as Brain Injury Awareness Month in Wisconsin.

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