February 9, 2016 – Introduced by Senators L. TAYLOR, BEWLEY, CARPENTER, C. LARSON, RINGHAND, VINEHOUT and HARRIS DODD, cosponsored by Representatives SPREITZER, BARNES, BERCEAU, JORGENSEN, OHNSTAD, SINICKI, ZEPNICK and C. TAYLOR. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

Relating to: proclaiming December 1, 2016, World AIDS Day in Wisconsin.

Whereas, AIDS has killed more than 36 million people worldwide since 1981 and remains a prominent global health issue today; and

Whereas, in any given year, around 27,000 persons in the United States are diagnosed with AIDS; and

Whereas, each year, over 13,000 Americans die from an AIDS-related complication; and

Whereas, over 1.5 million people across the globe were victims of AIDS in 2013; and

Whereas, AIDS affects persons of all races, genders, and age groups, and there are numerous causes for the spread of AIDS including unsafe sexual contact, contaminated needles, and passage of the condition from mother to child during pregnancy; and

Whereas, education and awareness have been found crucial in preventing the spread of AIDS and helping those affected with the condition; and
Whereas, the legislature has an opportunity to lead and contribute to the global awareness movement dedicated to understanding the causes, effects, and treatment options for those at risk for or already infected with AIDS; and

Whereas, December 1 is designated as World AIDS Day across the globe as a call to action for the fight against AIDS and as a show of support for those living with AIDS; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the legislature hereby proclaims December 1, 2016, as World AIDS Day in Wisconsin.

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