

State of Wisconsin



2017 Senate Joint Resolution 20

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to: designating June 2017 as Myasthenia Gravis Awareness Month.

Whereas, myasthenia gravis (MG) is an autoimmune neuromuscular disease that causes chronic weakness, in which antibodies attack receptors in the body and prevent muscle contraction; and

Whereas, MG frequently weakens muscles that control eye movement, facial expressions, and swallowing, and its symptoms may include blurred vision, speech impairment, difficulty chewing, shortness of breath, an unstable gait, and a weakened grip; and

Whereas, a diagnosis of MG may be missed or delayed because its symptoms are in common with many other disorders; and

Whereas, in some cases MG symptoms can worsen to the point of disability, grave illness, or death, if there are gaps in or an absence of the several crucial health care treatments that can enable those who endure MG to lead productive, active lives of normal longevity; and

Whereas, MG is found most commonly in adult women under 40 and men over 60, but is not specific to either gender or any particular ethnic background; and

Whereas, MG is nonhereditary and noncontagious; and

Whereas, 10 to 20 out of every 100,000 Americans are diagnosed with MG, and for those people support groups exist in Wisconsin; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That June 2017 is hereby designated Myasthenia Gravis Awareness Month in Wisconsin.

Representative Robin J. Vos
Speaker of the Assembly

Senator Roger Roth
President of the Senate

Date

Jeffrey Renk
Senate Chief Clerk