2017 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 65

June 19, 2017 - Introduced by Representatives C. TAYLOR, BERCEAU, SARGENT, SUBECK, BOWEN, ZAMARRIPA, GOYKE, KESSLER, YOUNG, BILLINGS, POPE, HEBL, BROSTOFF, ANDERSON and OHNSTAD, cosponsored by Senators JOHNSON, CARPENTER, LARSON, L. TAYLOR, SHILLING and RISSE. Referred to Committee on Rules.

Relating to: proclaiming June 2, 2017, as Gun Violence Awareness Day in Wisconsin.

Whereas, every day in the United States, approximately 300 people—including 65 children and teens—are injured or killed with guns in murders, assaults, suicides, and accidents; and

Whereas, in Wisconsin, approximately 500 men, women, and children are killed with guns each year, including the 75 percent who die as a result of suicide; and

Whereas, in Wisconsin, in 2014, there were 742 firearm injury-related emergency department visits; and

Whereas, there have been at least 205 school shootings in the United States since 2013—an average of nearly one a week; and

Whereas, gun deaths devastate families in urban, rural, and suburban areas, while Wisconsin’s urban areas are disproportionately impacted by homicides and the state’s less populated areas experience greater rates of gun suicide; and
Whereas, gun violence costs our country $229 billion in combined direct and indirect expenses annually; and

Whereas, studies show that gun safety laws save lives and are associated with lower firearm death rates; and

Whereas, the U.S. Supreme Court has recognized that the Second Amendment allows for reasonable restrictions on firearms, including who can have them and under what conditions, where they can be carried, and what types of firearms are permissible; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the legislature hereby proclaims June 2, 2017, as Gun Violence Awareness Day in Wisconsin.

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