

State of Misconsin 2017 - 2018 LEGISLATURE

2017 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 67

July 13, 2017 – Introduced by Senators L. TAYLOR, MILLER, RINGHAND, WIRCH, JOHNSON and LARSON, cosponsored by Representatives FIELDS, ANDERSON, BERCEAU, CONSIDINE, CROWLEY, GENRICH, GOYKE, HEBL, SARGENT, SHANKLAND, SPREITZER, SUBECK, C. TAYLOR, THIESFELDT and ZEPNICK. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1	Relating to: proclaiming October 22, 2017, to October 28, 2017, as National Lead
2	Poisoning Prevention Week in Wisconsin.
3	Whereas, every American deserves to grow up in a healthy, safe environment,
4	free from the harmful effects of lead; and
5	Whereas, at least 4 million households around the country include children who
6	are exposed to high levels of lead; and
7	Whereas, lead interferes with normal brain development; is associated with
8	permanently reduced IQ, learning disabilities, and behavioral disorders; and is an
9	indicator of increased crime rates; and
10	Whereas, low levels of lead exposure can cause irreversible nervous system
11	damage, and high levels can cause seizures, comas, and even death; and
12	Whereas, Wisconsin consistently ranks in the top ten states for number of lead
13	poisoned children; and
14	Whereas, children in every county in Wisconsin have tested positive for lead
15	poisoning; and

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1	Whereas, the major sources of lead exposure are the dust from deteriorating
2	lead-based paints, and the lead pipelines that deliver water to homes; and
3	Whereas, residential lateral pipelines remain throughout Wisconsin, and
4	Milwaukee accounts for 70,000 of those pipelines; and
5	Whereas, lead poisoning testing in Wisconsin is inadequate as 20 percent of
6	children under the age of six were tested in 2014; and
7	Whereas, 4,000 Wisconsin children tested positive for elevated lead in the
8	bloodstream in 2014, and 60 percent of those children were in Milwaukee; and
9	Whereas, Wisconsin aims to increase testing for lead exposure in children and
10	to eliminate the sources of lead exposure; and
11	Whereas, National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week is an opportunity to take
12	part in educational activities and spread awareness of lead poisoning prevention
13	measures; and
14	Whereas, National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week is annually observed
15	during the last week of October to address the public health burden caused by the
16	widespread use of lead and lead products, and advance the goal of eliminating
17	childhood lead poisoning in the United States; now, therefore, be it
18	Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the legislature
19	proclaims October 22, 2017, to October 28, 2017, as National Lead Poisoning
20	Prevention Week in Wisconsin.
21	(END)