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.


Whereas, every American deserves to grow up in a healthy, safe environment, free from the harmful effects of lead; and

Whereas, at least 4 million households around the country include children who are exposed to high levels of lead; and

Whereas, lead interferes with normal brain development; is associated with permanently reduced IQ, learning disabilities, and behavioral disorders; and is an indicator of increased crime rates; and

Whereas, low levels of lead exposure can cause irreversible nervous system damage, and high levels can cause seizures, comas, and even death; and

Whereas, Wisconsin consistently ranks in the top ten states for number of lead poisoned children; and

Whereas, children in every county in Wisconsin have tested positive for lead poisoning; and
Whereas, the major sources of lead exposure are the dust from deteriorating lead-based paints, and the lead pipelines that deliver water to homes; and

Whereas, residential lateral pipelines remain throughout Wisconsin, and Milwaukee accounts for 70,000 of those pipelines; and

Whereas, lead poisoning testing in Wisconsin is inadequate as 20 percent of children under the age of six were tested in 2014; and

Whereas, 4,000 Wisconsin children tested positive for elevated lead in the bloodstream in 2014, and 60 percent of those children were in Milwaukee; and

Whereas, Wisconsin aims to increase testing for lead exposure in children and to eliminate the sources of lead exposure; and

Whereas, National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week is an opportunity to take part in educational activities and spread awareness of lead poisoning prevention measures; and

Whereas, National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week is annually observed during the last week of October to address the public health burden caused by the widespread use of lead and lead products, and advance the goal of eliminating childhood lead poisoning in the United States; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the legislature proclaims October 22, 2017, to October 28, 2017, as National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week in Wisconsin.

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