2017 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 78

October 18, 2017 – Introduced by Senators L. TAYLOR and VINEHOUT, cosponsored by Representatives ANDERSON, CROWLEY, HESSELBEIN, MASON, SHANKLAND, SINICKI, C. TAYLOR and SUBECK. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

Relating to: proclaiming September 2017 as Emergency Preparedness Month.

Whereas, natural disasters affect communities across the country, so it is important that every household is prepared; and

Whereas, any community can be impacted by a disaster or emergency; and

Whereas, common disasters may include extreme heat, extreme cold, flooding, winter storms, droughts, and wildfires; and

Whereas, lack of emergency preparedness can result in injury, death, and preventable monetary damages; and

Whereas, families across Wisconsin can take active steps to prevent and mitigate against emergencies; these steps may include insurance, emergency planning, and developing emergency preparedness and supply kits; and

Whereas, federal, state, and local governments have developed and created programs to inform communities of common prevention and survival tools in case an emergency occurs; and

Whereas, Wisconsin winters and storms pose elevated risks for commuters; and
Whereas, Wisconsin has averaged 20,000 motor vehicle crashes during the
winter months; and

Whereas, keeping a winter emergency kit with blankets, a first aid kit, a
flashlight, and booster cables may help individuals prepare for and overcome harsh
winter conditions; and

Whereas, the legislature has an opportunity to bring awareness to the
importance of emergency preparedness; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That** the legislature
proclaims September 2017 as Emergency Preparedness Month in Wisconsin.

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