January 18, 2018 – Introduced by Senators FEYEN, VUKMIR, DARLING and MOULTON, cosponsored by Representative VANDERMEER. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

Relating to: recognizing January as Glaucoma Awareness Month in Wisconsin.

Whereas, glaucoma is a group of eye diseases that cause vision loss through damage to the optic nerve; and

Whereas, over three million Americans have glaucoma, with experts estimating that at least half of those people are not aware of it; and

Whereas, glaucoma is the world’s second-leading cause of blindness according the World Health Organization; and

Whereas, glaucoma has virtually no symptoms, is gradual, and causes irreversible blindness; and

Whereas, glaucoma can be detected through comprehensive eye examinations, and medications or surgery can help slow or prevent further vision loss; and

Whereas, glaucoma is the leading cause of blindness for African-Americans, and high-risk groups include people over 60, diabetics, and people of African, Hispanic, and Asian descent; and
Whereas, early detection is crucial to treating the condition where up to 40 percent of vision loss can occur without a person noticing; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the legislature recognizes January as Glaucoma Awareness Month in Wisconsin.

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