2019 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 66

September 23, 2019 – Introduced by Senators NASS, TIFFANY, CARPENTER, JACQUE, MARKLEIN, MILLER, OLSEN, RINGHAND, SCHACHTNER, L. TAYLOR and WANGGAARD, cosponsored by Representatives PRONSCINSKE, JAMES, ALLEN, ANDERSON, DITTRICH, EDMING, FELZKOWSKI, GUNDRUM, HEBL, HINTZ, HORLACHER, KOLSTE, LOUDENBECK, MAGNAFICI, MILROY, MURPHY, MURSAU, NOVAK, OHNSTAD, OLDENBURG, PETRYK, PLUMER, RODRIGUEZ, SARGENT, SHANKLAND, SINICKI, SKOWRONSKI, SPIROS, SPREITZER, SWERINGEN, THIESFELDT, TRANEL, TUSLER, VANDERMEER, VORPAGEL, VRUWINK and WITTKE. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

Relating to: recognizing October 28, 2019, as First Responders Appreciation Day in Wisconsin.

Whereas, October 28, 2019, is recognized nationally as First Responders Appreciation Day; and

Whereas, first responders include all professional and volunteer police, fire, and emergency medical services (EMS) personnel; and

Whereas, first responders risk their safety on a daily basis to protect the public from threats and emergency situations and provide life-saving services; and

Whereas, first responders stand ready to serve and protect the public 24 hours a day; and

Whereas, there are approximately 4.6 million first responders in the United States serving in disciplines such as law enforcement, emergency management, emergency medical services, fire and rescue, and public works; and
Whereas, in Wisconsin, there are over 9,400 career firefighters, 13,700 law enforcement officers, 9,900 career EMS personnel, and over 23,000 volunteer firefighters and EMS providers; and

Whereas, first responders are vital to ensuring safety and security to our nation, state, and communities, and deserve to be honored and recognized for their commitment to providing safety and life-saving services; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the Wisconsin Legislature recognizes October 28, 2019, as First Responders Appreciation Day.