2021 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 59

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Relating to: proclaiming May 2021 as Violence Prevention Month in the state of Wisconsin.

Whereas, each year, thousands of individuals and families in Wisconsin bear the physical, mental, and economic costs of violence; and

Whereas, violence takes many forms, including community violence, domestic and intimate partner violence, sexual violence and human trafficking, child maltreatment and exploitation, drug-related violence, and suicide; and

Whereas, violence is a leading cause of injury, disability, and premature death, and merely witnessing violent incidents can result in psychological disorders, such as depression, anxiety, and stress; and

Whereas, violence perpetuates cycles of trauma that echo across generations and discourages economic development in affected areas, thereby negatively impacting the accessibility of jobs, healthy food, and safe housing such that the Institute for Economics & Peace estimates that the direct and indirect cost of violence to the U.S. economy is $1.4 trillion per year; and
Whereas, preventing violence requires each and every one of us working
together to promote the preservation of life; and

Whereas, prevention of violence before it occurs, as well as intervention efforts
after violence has occurred, reduce its impact and prevent future perpetration and
victimization; and

Whereas, violence is preventable, and its impacts can be reduced with violence
prevention strategies and increased awareness of important issues such as
victimization, trauma and adverse childhood experiences, restorative justice,
mentoring, and access to resources that help create safer and more resilient
communities; and

Whereas, people from across Wisconsin share a common goal in preventing
violence in order to provide a peaceful and nurturing environment in which all of our
children can thrive; and

Whereas, we recognize Violence Prevention Month to promote nonviolence in
the state of Wisconsin and urge all Wisconsin residents to join in the effort to reduce
violence in our state; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the members of the
Wisconsin Legislature proclaim May 2021 as Violence Prevention Month in the State
of Wisconsin.

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