June 25, 2021 - Introduced by Representatives S. RODRIGUEZ, B. MEYERS, CONLEY, ANDRACA, BROSTOFF, CABRAL-GUEVARA, DRAKE, EMERSON, HEBL, HESSELBEIN, HONG, MILROY, ROZAR, SHANKLAND, SINICKI, SPREITZER, STUBBS and VRUWINK, cosponsored by Senators RINGHAND, BEWLEY, CARPENTER, COWLES, LARSON and ROYS. Referred to Committee on Rules.

Relating to: proclaiming May 2021 as National Osteoporosis Awareness Month in Wisconsin.

Whereas, the National Osteoporosis Foundation has designated May as National Osteoporosis Month to help spread awareness about osteoporosis; and

Whereas, osteoporosis is a skeletal disease that weakens bones by reducing their mass, measured as bone density; and

Whereas, the disease often develops without any symptoms until the people who have it suffer sudden fractures, most often of the hip, wrist, or spine; and

Whereas, osteoporosis is extremely common, with 54 million people in the United States estimated to have the disease; and

Whereas, one in two women and up to one in four men over the age of 50 experience fractures that are attributable to osteoporosis; and

Whereas, the consequences of osteoporosis–induced hip fractures are particularly serious, with 20 percent of seniors who break a hip dying within a year of the bone break; and
Whereas, according to the National Osteoporosis Foundation, people can improve their bone density and slow or even prevent the onset of osteoporosis by getting enough calcium and vitamin D, following a well-balanced diet, engaging in regular exercise, and avoiding smoking and limiting alcohol, among other measures; and

Whereas, the Wisconsin Legislature has an opportunity to join a national effort to promote bone health and raise awareness about osteoporosis and strategies to reduce its risks; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the Wisconsin Legislature proclaims May 2021 as National Osteoporosis Awareness Month in Wisconsin.