2021 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 39

June 10, 2021 - Introduced by Senators ROYS, L. TAYLOR, AGARD, SMITH, LARSON and WIRCH, cosponsored by Representatives EMERSON, HINTZ, CONLEY, VINING, CABRERA, HEBL, NEUBAUER, HESSELBEIN, B. MEYERS, ANDERSON, SNOGRASS, MILROY, CABRAL-GUEVARA, L. MYERS, SINICKI, ORTIZ-VELEZ, BILLINGS, VRUWINK, DOYLE, SUBECK, SHANKLAND, SPREITZER and BOWEN. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

Relating to: proclaiming April 18 to 24 as 2021 National Infertility Awareness Week in Wisconsin.

Whereas, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, one in eight couples have difficulty getting pregnant or sustaining a pregnancy; and

Whereas, the World Health Organization and American Medical Association define infertility as a disease; and

Whereas, infertility affects women and men equally and does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, sexual orientation, marital status, or socioeconomic level; and

Whereas, all people should have access to all family building options; and

Whereas, options for building families include adoption as well as medical treatment, such as in vitro fertilization and third-party reproduction; and

Whereas, cost and lack of insurance coverage are barriers for many in Wisconsin to access the family building options they need; and
Whereas, raising awareness of infertility and the barriers faced by people who want to build families is the first step to removing these barriers; and

Whereas, Wisconsin joins RESOLVE: The National Infertility Association and dedicated volunteers, health care professionals, and members of the infertility and family building community by proclaiming April 18 to 24 as 2021 National Infertility Awareness Week in Wisconsin; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the members of the Wisconsin State Legislature hereby proclaim April 18 to 24 as 2021 National Infertility Awareness Week in Wisconsin.

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