2021 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 46

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Relating to: honoring May 2021 as Wisconsin Motherhood Month.

Whereas, the family, in which mothers perform a crucial role, is a major social institution in Wisconsin and throughout the world that provides tremendous value to both its members and society as a whole; and

Whereas, the family social unit may be forged by blood, marriage, foster care, or adoption, and may be both nuclear, encompassing parents and children, and extended, encompassing other relatives; and

Whereas, mothers have a unique bond with their children, often acting as the eye of the storm; and

Whereas, women across Wisconsin place their trust and their children in the arms of other women, sharing motherhood through foster care, respite care, and adoption; and

Whereas, mothers across Wisconsin receive children into their arms at a moment’s notice; and
Whereas, the public health and economic crisis of the COVID–19 pandemic has impacted mothers and motherhood disproportionately, with unexpected responsibilities and challenges that they had to confront; and

Whereas, mothers have an indispensable role in building and transforming society and culture and move our state, country, and world forward, remaining steadfast in their pursuit of a better and brighter future for their children; and

Whereas, the work of mothers is of paramount importance but is often undervalued, unnoticed, and unappreciated; and

Whereas, mothers are innovators, tireless workers, engines of economic growth, and drivers of progress; and

Whereas, mothers are breadwinners, community leaders, advocates, allies, and pillars of family that have, for generations, blazed new paths, opened up new possibilities, and widened circles of opportunity for their daughters and sons; and

Whereas, Wisconsin has the highest maternal mortality racial disparities in the nation, which need to be addressed; and

Whereas the mental health of mothers is something to be centered and championed; and

Whereas, Wisconsin has a proven record that the lives and livelihoods of mothers’ matter, and a commitment to restore the prognosis of motherhood in our state to health and prosperity; and

Whereas, Mother’s Day is celebrated in May across Wisconsin and nationwide; and

Whereas, mothers, and the institution of motherhood, are worthy of honor and affirmation; now, therefore, be it
Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the members of the legislature recognize May 2021 as Wisconsin Motherhood Month with honor, affirmation, and respect to mothers in our state; and be it further

Resolved, That the legislature calls upon the people of Wisconsin to express their honor, affirmation, love, respect, and gratitude to mothers everywhere; and, be it further

Resolved, That certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor of Wisconsin.

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