2021 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 66

October 18, 2021 – Introduced by Senators CARPENTER, AGARD, LARSON and ROYS, cosponsored by Representatives SPROTTER, SNODGRASS, NEUBAUER, CABRERA, BOWEN, BROSTOFF, CONLEY, CONSIDINE, EMERSON, HEBL, HESSELBEIN, HINTZ, MOORE OMOKUNDE, S. RODRIGUEZ, SHANKLAND, SHELTON, SINICKI, SUBECK and VINING. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

Relating to: recognizing October 26, 2021, as Intersex Awareness Day in Wisconsin.

Whereas, Intersex Awareness Day is recognized on October 26 in honor of the first public demonstration by intersex people in the United States at the annual conference of the American Academy of Pediatrics on October 26, 1996; and

Whereas, “intersex” refers to individuals born with variations in their physical or biological sex characteristics, including genital anatomy, reproductive organs, hormonal variations, or chromosomal patterns; and

Whereas, since the first Intersex Awareness Day in 1996, it has become a day during which intersex people and allies come together to celebrate and uplift the intersex community; and

Whereas, approximately 1.7 percent of people are born with intersex traits; and

Whereas, intersex people are often stigmatized and subjected to discrimination; and

Whereas, intersex babies and children are often subject to unnecessary and involuntary surgeries at a young age to make their bodies conform to traditional
notions of what it means to be male or female, although these interventions may
result in lasting physical and mental harm; and

Whereas, medical practices should respect the human rights and bodily
autonomy of all people, and government institutions should implement policies that
protect and support intersex people; and

Whereas, people born with intersex traits are an important part of the diversity
of our state and should be afforded equal dignity and respect; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the Wisconsin
Legislature does hereby recognize October 26, 2021, to be Intersex Awareness Day
in Wisconsin.

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