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2015 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 57

September 30, 2015 – Introduced by Senators Vinehout, Lassa, Ringhand and L. Taylor, cosponsored by Representatives Hintz, Berceau, Goyke, Kessler, Milroy, Murphy, Nerison, Ohnstad, Pope, Sargent, Sinicki, Spreitzer, Subeck, C. Taylor, Thiesfeldt and Wachs. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

Relating to: proclaiming September 2015 as Charcot-Marie-Tooth Disease 1 2 Awareness Month. 3 Whereas, Charcot-Marie-Tooth Disease, or CMT, affects approximately one in 2,500 people in the United States, and about 2.8 million people worldwide, making 4 5 it one of the most common inherited neurological disorders; and 6 Whereas, the neuropathy of CMT causes the degeneration of motor nerves 7 resulting in muscle weakness and atrophy in the extremities, characterized by a slow 8 and progressive degeneration of the muscles in the foot and lower leg and extending 9 to weakness in the hands and loss of muscle tone, causing difficulty carrying out fine 10 motor skills; and Whereas, because CMT is not widely known, even in the medical community, 11 12 many citizens go undiagnosed, misdiagnosed, or unaware of the slow progression of 1

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Whereas, there are no known treatments that will stop or slow down the progression of CMT and there are more than 70 different kinds of CMT with more being discovered every year; and

Whereas, CMT Awareness Month is designed to explain the signs and symptoms, to encourage people to seek medical assistance early, to further research, and to expand public awareness; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the Wisconsin legislature does hereby proclaim September 2015 as Charcot-Marie-Tooth Disease Awareness Month.

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