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February 9, 2016 – Introduced by Senators L. Taylor, Bewley, C. Larson, Vinehout and Harris Dodd, cosponsored by Representatives Berceau, Jorgensen, Sinicki, Spreitzer, Subeck, Zepnick and C. Taylor. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

Relating to: proclaiming June 27, 2016, as National HIV Testing Day in Wisconsin. 1 2 Whereas, HIV represents one of the largest public health crises of the modern 3 age, with an estimated 1.1 million individuals living with HIV/AIDS in the United 4 States; and 5 Whereas, at the end of 2013, 6,758 individuals were reported to be HIV positive 6 and living within the borders of Wisconsin, almost half of whom reside in Milwaukee 7 County; and 8 Whereas, of the 1.1 million Americans estimated to be living with HIV, one in 9 six individuals is unaware that he or she is living with the infection; and 10 Whereas, if HIV is left untreated, the virus leads to the gradual destruction of 11 the body's immune system and the potential development of AIDS; and 12 Whereas, the Wisconsin legislature finds a compelling public interest in encouraging the people of Wisconsin to get tested for HIV; testing can slow and 13

control the spread of HIV throughout the state; and

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Whereas, proactive health care and awareness of HIV prevention can protect the public health, can encourage testing, and can save lives; now, therefore, be it *Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That* the legislature hereby proclaims June 27, 2016, as National HIV Testing Day in Wisconsin.

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