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

Relating to: proclaiming December 1, 2016, through December 7, 2016, as National 1 2 Tolerance Week in Wisconsin. 3 Whereas, in 2013, the Federal Bureau of Investigation reported that there were 4 5,992 confirmed hate crimes committed throughout the United States; and 5 Whereas, hate crimes have taken lives, destroyed property, and intimidated 6 communities; and 7 Whereas, the dangers of intolerance are numerous and have historically proven 8 to weaken communities and divide society by race, religion, and disability; and 9 Whereas, intolerance and marginalization have led to the oppression of 10 minority groups, and this oppression is against the values that make America great; 11 and 12 Whereas, any person can be a victim of a hate crime, even if that person belongs to a group constituting a majority in society; for instance, investigators have 13 14 gathered evidence suggesting that the perpetrator of the recent mass shooting at 15 Umpqua Community College purposefully targeted Christians; and

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1	Whereas, diversity and individuality should be welcomed, embraced, and
2	celebrated in our nation, because people of all backgrounds sought refuge and
3	opportunity in the United States; and
4	Whereas, immigrants have shared their culture and traditions in our
5	communities to make America one of the most uniquely diverse societies in the
6	world; and
7	Whereas, the global community, speaking through the United Nations, has
8	recognized that tolerance was paramount in the pursuit of peace, understanding,
9	and mutual respect; and
10	Whereas, nations on all continents come together to celebrate an International
11	Day of Tolerance; and
12	Whereas, the legislature has an opportunity to respect the rights and beliefs of
13	free individuals, address intolerance and its ills, and join the global effort for
14	tolerance; now, therefore, be it
15	Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the legislature
16	hereby proclaims December 1, 2016, through December 7, 2016, as National
17	Tolerance Week in Wisconsin.

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