

State of Misconsin 2017 - 2018 LEGISLATURE

## **2017 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 19**

March 16, 2017 – Introduced by Representatives SINICKI, BOWEN, E. BROOKS, FIELDS, HORLACHER, KOLSTE, MILROY, MURPHY, OHNSTAD, C. TAYLOR, THIESFELDT and WACHS, cosponsored by Senators DARLING, COWLES, JOHNSON, C. LARSON, VINEHOUT and WIRCH. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1	Relating to: designating June 2017 as Myasthenia Gravis Awareness Month.
2	Whereas, myasthenia gravis (MG) is an autoimmune neuromuscular disease
3	that causes chronic weakness, in which antibodies attack receptors in the body and
4	prevent muscle contraction; and
5	Whereas, MG frequently weakens muscles that control eye movement, facial
6	expressions, and swallowing, and its symptoms may include blurred vision, speech
7	impairment, difficulty chewing, shortness of breath, an unstable gait, and a
8	weakened grip; and
9	Whereas, a diagnosis of MG may be missed or delayed because its symptoms
10	are in common with many other disorders; and
11	Whereas, in some cases MG symptoms can worsen to the point of disability,
12	grave illness, or death, if there are gaps in or an absence of the several crucial health
13	care treatments that can enable those who endure MG to lead productive, active lives
14	of normal longevity; and

1	Whereas, MG is found most commonly in adult women under 40 and men over
2	60, but is not specific to either gender or any particular ethnic background; and
3	Whereas, MG is nonhereditary and noncontagious; and
4	Whereas, 10 to 20 out of every 100,000 Americans are diagnosed with MG, and
5	for those people support groups exist in Wisconsin; now, therefore, be it
6	Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That June 2017 is
7	hereby designated Myasthenia Gravis Awareness Month in Wisconsin.
8	(END)