

State of Misconsin 2017 - 2018 LEGISLATURE

## **2017 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 46**

May 4, 2017 – Introduced by Representatives Bowen, Steineke, Wachs, Pope, Milroy, Kolste, Ohnstad, Neylon, Katsma, Spreitzer, Anderson, Kitchens, Brostoff, Crowley, Kessler, Berceau, Fields, Horlacher, Sinicki and Considine, cosponsored by Senators Johnson, Darling, Carpenter, Wirch and L. Taylor. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1	<b>Relating to:</b> declaring May 2017 as Foster Care Awareness Month.
2	Whereas, we must work to increase public awareness about foster care, which
3	provided homes for an estimated 428,000 children in the United States in 2015, with
4	7,000 in Wisconsin alone; and
5	Whereas, children in the foster care system range from ages 0 to 18, or 20 for
6	students with disabilities, and vary in behavioral and emotional support needs; and
7	Whereas, foster parents provide a nurturing and stable environment for the
8	children in their care and should be recognized for their dedication; and
9	Whereas, every child, regardless of race, creed, or socioeconomic status,
10	deserves a safe and secure home; and
11	Whereas, home stability has a lasting impact on child development and
12	education, both of which are top priorities of this state; and
13	Whereas, during Foster Care Awareness Month, we can encourage our families,
14	friends, and neighbors to consider opening their homes to those without; and

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1	Whereas, as we observe Foster Care Awareness Month in May, we renew our
2	commitment to raising awareness of the needs of foster care programs in the hopes
3	that one day no child will feel uneasy or unsafe when they go to bed at night; now
4	therefore, be it
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*Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That* the members of the
Wisconsin Legislature declare May 2017 to be Foster Care Awareness Month.

(END)