15

LRB-3637/1 CMH:ahe

2017 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 65

June 19, 2017 - Introduced by Representatives C. Taylor, Berceau, Sargent, Subeck, Bowen, Zamarripa, Goyke, Kessler, Young, Billings, Pope, Hebl, Brostoff, Anderson and Ohnstad, cosponsored by Senators Johnson, Carpenter, Larson, L. Taylor, Shilling and Risser. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1	Relating to: proclaiming June 2, 2017, as Gun Violence Awareness Day in
2	Wisconsin.
3	Whereas, every day in the United States, approximately 300 people—including
4	65 children and teens—are injured or killed with guns in murders, assaults, suicides,
5	and accidents; and
6	Whereas, in Wisconsin, approximately 500 men, women, and children are
7	killed with guns each year, including the 75 percent who die as a result of suicide;
8	and
9	Whereas, in Wisconsin, in 2014, there were 742 firearm injury-related
10	emergency department visits; and
11	Whereas, there have been at least 205 school shootings in the United States
12	since 2013—an average of nearly one a week; and
13	Whereas, gun deaths devastate families in urban, rural, and suburban areas,
14	while Wisconsin's urban areas are disproportionately impacted by homicides and the

state's less populated areas experience greater rates of gun suicide; and

1	Whereas, gun violence costs our country \$229 billion in combined direct and
2	indirect expenses annually; and
3	Whereas, studies show that gun safety laws save lives and are associated with
4	lower firearm death rates; and
5	Whereas, the U.S. Supreme Court has recognized that the Second Amendment
6	allows for reasonable restrictions on firearms, including who can have them and
7	under what conditions, where they can be carried, and what types of firearms are
8	permissible; now, therefore, be it
9	Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the legislature
10	hereby proclaims June 2, 2017, as Gun Violence Awareness Day in Wisconsin.
11	(END)