



2017 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 96

January 12, 2018 - Introduced by Representative VANDERMEER, cosponsored by Senator FEYEN. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** recognizing January as Glaucoma Awareness Month in Wisconsin.

2 Whereas, glaucoma is a group of eye diseases that cause vision loss through
3 damage to the optic nerve; and

4 Whereas, over three million Americans have glaucoma, with experts
5 estimating that at least half of those people are not aware of it; and

6 Whereas, glaucoma is the world's second-leading cause of blindness according
7 the World Health Organization; and

8 Whereas, glaucoma has virtually no symptoms, is gradual, and causes
9 irreversible blindness; and

10 Whereas, glaucoma can be detected through comprehensive eye examinations,
11 and medications or surgery can help slow or prevent further vision loss; and

12 Whereas, glaucoma is the leading cause of blindness for African-Americans,
13 and high-risk groups include people over 60, diabetics, and people of African,
14 Hispanic, and Asian descent; and

1 Whereas, early detection is crucial to treating the condition where up to 40
2 percent of vision loss can occur without a person noticing; now, therefore, be it

3 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the legislature
4 recognizes January as Glaucoma Awareness Month in Wisconsin.

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