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2017 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 59

June 9, 2017 - Introduced by Senators L. TAYLOR, VUKMIR, COWLES, OLSEN, DARLING, NASS, HARSDORF, CARPENTER, RISSER and VINEHOUT, cosponsored by Representatives SKOWRONSKI, ROHRKASTE, HESSELBEIN, TUSLER, THIESFELDT, HORLACHER, VORPAGEL, MURPHY, NOVAK, KLEEFISCH, PETRYK, RIPP, GENRICH, EDMING, SPIROS, BALLWEG, MILROY, KESSLER, KUGLITSCH, SUBECK, ZEPNICK, MURSAU, BERCEAU, SPREITZER, CROWLEY, SANFELIPPO, CONSIDINE, TITTL, MEYERS, WEATHERSTON and C. TAYLOR. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** recognizing June 2017 as Alzheimer’s and Brain Awareness Month.

2 Whereas, Alzheimer’s disease is a progressive, degenerative, and fatal disease
3 that attacks brain cells and currently has no known cure; and

4 Whereas, in 2017, 110,000 people 65 years of age or older have Alzheimer’s
5 disease in Wisconsin, and that number is expected to rise to 130,000 by 2025; and

6 Whereas, Alzheimer’s disease is the sixth-leading cause of death in Wisconsin;
7 and

8 Whereas, across the United States, the cost of caring for those with Alzheimer’s
9 disease and other types of dementia is estimated to be \$259 billion this year; and

10 Whereas, ten early signs and symptoms of Alzheimer’s disease are memory loss
11 that disrupts daily life, challenges in planning or solving problems, difficulty
12 completing familiar daily tasks, confusion with time or place, trouble understanding
13 visual images and spatial relationships, newly developed problems with speaking or
14 writing, misplacing things and having the inability to retrace steps, decreased or

1 poor judgment, withdrawal from work or social activities, and changes in mood and
2 personality; and

3 Whereas, while Alzheimer's disease is currently incurable, treatments exist to
4 slow the worsening of symptoms, assist in maintaining independence, and improve
5 quality of life; and

6 Whereas, research continues on Alzheimer's disease and other types of
7 dementia to learn about these diseases and develop new treatments; and

8 Whereas, raising awareness of Alzheimer's disease encourages early diagnosis
9 to maximize the effects of treatment interventions and support of critical research;
10 now, therefore, be it

11 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the Wisconsin
12 Legislature recognizes June 2017 as Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month.

13 (END)