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2021 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 53

July 7, 2021 - Introduced by Senators Johnson, L. Taylor, Larson, Agard, Carpenter and Roys, cosponsored by Representatives Shankland, Shelton, Subeck, Spreitzer, Bowen, S. Rodriguez, Neubauer, Hesselbein, Baldeh, Spiros, Sinicki, Conley, Milroy, Cabrera, Drake, Emerson, Ohnstad, Murphy, Brostoff and Stubbs. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1	Relating to: proclaiming July 2021 as Drowning Prevention Month in the state of
2	Wisconsin.
3	Whereas, the World Health Organization has declared July 25 World Drowning
4	Prevention Day to highlight the tragic and profound impact of drowning on families
5	and communities and offer life-saving solutions to prevent it; and
6	Whereas, drowning is a leading cause of injury for American children aged one
7	to four; and
8	Whereas, eight Wisconsin children succumbed to drowning and 81 suffered
9	drowning-related injuries in 2018; and
10	Whereas, we recognize and honor those who have lost their lives to drowning,
11	such as Jensine Lowe and Jereba Lowe; and
12	Whereas, such accidents not only occur at swimming pools, lakes, rivers, and
13	beaches, but also in shallow water, like wading pools and bathtubs; and
14	Whereas, increased awareness of water safety may reduce the risk of death and
15	long-term cognitive disabilities caused by drowning; and

1	Whereas, children are less likely to drown if they are given opportunities to
2	learn how to swim and if they are supervised by adults when near water of any kind;
3	and
4	Whereas, adults may enhance water safety by ensuring that an on-duty
5	lifeguard is present, checking the depth of water before jumping or diving, receiving
6	training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), and learning steps to take in an
7	emergency; and
8	Whereas, the American Red Cross urges swimmers of all ages to know their
9	limitations, never swim alone, always swim sober, avoid swimming after dark, and
10	identify risks like currents, water hazards, water temperature, and shallow water;
11	and
12	Whereas, pool owners can protect children by keeping rescue equipment
13	nearby, covering or fencing in pools, and taking other measures to ensure pools are
14	inaccessible to children when not in use; and
15	Whereas, boaters may reduce risks for themselves and their passengers by
16	staying sober and storing life vests for everyone on board; and
17	Whereas, Wisconsin waters—whether pools, lakes, rivers, or beaches on the
18	Great Lakes—provide fun and physically beneficial ways to enjoy the outdoors, if
19	proper water safety measures are taken; now, therefore, be it
20	Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the Wisconsin
21	Legislature recognizes July 2021 as Drowning Prevention Month.
22	(END)