



2025 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 61

May 30, 2025 - Introduced by Representatives FITZGERALD, STUBBS, ANDERSON, ANDRACA, ARNEY, BARE, BROWN, CRUZ, DESANTO, DESMIDT, EMERSON, HYSELL, JOERS, JOHNSON, KIRSCH, MADISON, MAYADEV, MCCARVILLE, MIRESE, MOORE OMOKUNDE, NEUBAUER, ORTIZ-VELEZ, ROE, SINICKI, SNODGRASS, STROUD, TENORIO, UDELL, VINING and PRADO, cosponsored by Senators L. JOHNSON, RATCLIFF, CARPENTER, DRAKE, HABUSH SINYKIN, HESSELBEIN, KEYESKI, LARSON, ROYS, SMITH and SPREITZER. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** proclaiming June 6, 2025, as Gun Violence Awareness Day in
2 Wisconsin.

3 Whereas, the U.S. Supreme Court has recognized that the right to bear arms
4 under the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution is not unlimited and allows
5 for reasonable restrictions on firearms, including who can have firearms and under
6 what conditions, where firearms can be carried, and what types of firearms are
7 permissible; and

8 Whereas, firearms have become the number one cause of death for children in
9 the United States and Wisconsin; and

10 Whereas, on average, every day in the United States, approximately 327
11 people are injured or killed with guns in murders, assaults, suicides, and accidents;
12 and

13 Whereas, in Wisconsin, approximately 741 men, women, and children are

1 killed with guns each year, 64 percent of whom die as a result of suicide by firearm;
2 and

3 Whereas, in Wisconsin, over 1,500 people are wounded each year by guns; and

4 Whereas, gun deaths devastate families in urban, rural, and suburban areas;

5 and

6 Whereas, while Wisconsin's urban areas are disproportionately affected by
7 gun homicide, the state's less populated areas experience greater rates of gun
8 suicide; and

9 Whereas, gun violence costs our country \$557.2 billion in combined direct and
10 indirect expenses annually; and

11 Whereas, studies show that gun safety laws save lives and are associated with
12 lower firearm death rates; and

13 Whereas, Wisconsin has a long tradition of responsible gun ownership, safe
14 gun usage, and training to hunt with firearms; now, therefore, be it

15 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the legislature
16 hereby proclaims June 6, 2025, as Gun Violence Awareness Day in Wisconsin.

17 (END)