



2025 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 19

March 14, 2025 - Introduced by Senators LARSON, CARPENTER, HABUSH SINYKIN, HESSELBEIN, SMITH, L. JOHNSON, DRAKE, RATCLIFF, WIRCH, CABRAL-GUEVARA, ROYS, DASSLER-ALFHEIM, JACQUE, SPREITZER, QUINN, PFAFF, KEYESKI, WALL and FELZKOWSKI, cosponsored by Representatives NEUBAUER, ANDRACA, KIRSCH, DOYLE, SINICKI, MADISON, EMERSON, TUSLER, MOORE OMOKUNDE, HAYWOOD, HONG, DESMIDT, TENORIO, KITCHENS, BARE, MIRESE, CRUZ, VINING, ROE, DITTRICH, STUBBS, SNODGRASS, SNYDER, TAYLOR, CLANCY, ARNEY, RIVERA-WAGNER, ORTIZ-VELEZ, BROWN, GOODWIN, FITZGERALD, MCCARVILLE, SUBECK, TITTL, MURSAU, JOERS, ANDERSON, KRUG, J. JACOBSON, PRADO, MAYADEV, RODRIGUEZ, HYSELL, MCGUIRE, SHEEHAN, PALMERI, UDELL and JOHNSON. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** honoring the life and public service of Representative Jonathan
2 Brostoff.

3 Whereas, Representative and Alderman Jonathan Francis Brostoff, a
4 dedicated public servant, husband, father, son, brother, and friend, passed away on
5 November 4, 2024, at the age of 41; and

6 Whereas, Jonathan Brostoff was born on September 25, 1983, in Milwaukee,
7 Wisconsin, as the second of two sons to Phyllis and Alan Brostoff; and

8 Whereas, Jonathan Brostoff graduated from Kradwell School and went on to
9 receive his bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee (UWM),
10 earning a degree in political science in 2011; and

11 Whereas, Jonathan Brostoff, while attending UWM, worked for Senator Tom
12 Harkin in Washington, D.C., served as chair of the College Democrats, and
13 completed the United Nations Summer Seminar program; and

14 Whereas, Jonathan Brostoff was elected to the Wisconsin Assembly

1 representing the 19th Assembly District and served from 2014 to 2023, serving on
2 the Assembly Committees on Aging and Long-Term Care; Constitution and Ethics;
3 Family Law; Financial Institutions; Government Accountability and Oversight;
4 Mental Health; Natural Resources and Sporting Heritage; State Affairs and
5 Government Operations; Regulatory Licensing Reform; Ways and Means; and on
6 the Speaker's Task Force on Alzheimer's and Dementia and the Speaker's Task
7 Force on Suicide Prevention; and

8 Whereas, Jonathan Brostoff was a fierce and tenacious advocate for criminal
9 justice reform, for safeguarding licensing regulations for workforce professionals,
10 and, most notably, for disability rights, where he famously did not cut his curly hair
11 until a bill supporting American Sign Language access became law, with his
12 eventual haircut featured in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel; and

13 Whereas, Jonathan Brostoff was elected to the Milwaukee Common Council in
14 2022 as alder from the third district and served on the Judiciary & Legislation;
15 Public Works; Zoning, Neighborhoods, & Development; and Steering & Rules
16 Committees; and

17 Whereas, Jonathan Brostoff genuinely cared for the well-being of others,
18 dedicating his time each week to volunteer at Pathfinders, a youth shelter, and
19 Maryland Avenue Montessori School in Milwaukee, while also staying involved
20 with Dryhootch, a nonprofit supporting veterans, and actively engaging as an
21 alumnus of Milwaukee's Public Allies program; and

22 Whereas, Jonathan Brostoff built relationships with Wisconsinites across
23 party and class, believing that working across differences was vital for a working
24 democracy; and

Whereas, Jonathan Brostoff was a dedicated member and advocate of Milwaukee's Jewish community; and

Whereas, Jonathan Brostoff was a loving husband to his wife, Diana Vang-Brostoff, and a devoted father to his children, Boaz, Baraq, Binyamin, and Yael; and

Whereas, Representative Jonathan Brostoff is remembered fondly for his kindness, big heart, sense of humor, commitment to his community, and love for his family and the people of the State of Wisconsin; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the members of the Wisconsin Legislature honor the life and public service of Representative Jonathan Brostoff and extend their condolences to his family and friends.

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