



2025 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 54

May 20, 2025 - Introduced by Senators SMITH, CARPENTER, DRAKE, HESSELBEIN, JACQUE, LARSON, RATCLIFF, ROYS, SPREITZER and WALL, cosponsored by Representatives SUBECK, BARE, CLANCY, EMERSON, GOODWIN, KIRSCH, MCCARVILLE, ORTIZ-VELEZ, PHELPS, ROE, SHEEHAN, SINICKI, STROUD, STUBBS, TENORIO, HAYWOOD and MIRESE. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** designating May 2025 and May 2026 as Food Allergy Awareness
2 Months.

3 Whereas, more than 33 million Americans have food allergies, and nearly six
4 million of whom are children under the age of 18; and

5 Whereas, research shows that the prevalence of food allergy is increasing
6 among children and adults; and

7 Whereas, nine foods cause most of all food allergy reactions in the United
8 States—shellfish, fish, milk, eggs, tree nuts, peanuts, soy, wheat, and sesame—and
9 food allergy reactions can range from mild symptoms to severe reactions, such as
10 anaphylaxis; and

11 Whereas, anaphylaxis is a serious allergic reaction that is rapid in onset and
12 may cause death; and

13 Whereas, every 10 seconds, food allergy sends an individual to the emergency

1 room—reactions typically occur when an individual unknowingly eats a food
2 containing an ingredient to which they are allergic; and

3 Whereas, emergency medical treatment for severe allergic reactions to food
4 has increased by 377 percent in only a decade; and

5 Whereas, childhood food allergies cost U.S. families \$34 billion each year; and

6 Whereas, the Food Allergy Research & Education (FARE) organization is a
7 national, nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life and the
8 health of individuals with food allergies and to providing individuals hope through
9 the promise of new treatments; now, therefore, be it

10 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** May 2025 and
11 May 2026 are hereby designated as Food Allergy Awareness Months in Wisconsin to
12 increase understanding and awareness of food allergies and anaphylaxis.

13 (END)