



2025 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 56

May 20, 2025 - Introduced by Senators ROYS, CARPENTER, DASSLER-ALFHEIM, DRAKE, HABUSH SINYKIN, HESSELBEIN, L. JOHNSON, KEYESKI, LARSON, RATCLIFF, SMITH, SPREITZER and WALL, cosponsored by Representatives EMERSON, ARNEY, BARE, BROWN, CLANCY, DESMIDT, J. JACOBSON, JOERS, MAYADEV, MIRESE, MOORE OMOKUNDE, ORTIZ-VELEZ, PALMERI, PHELPS, SINICKI, STROUD, STUBBS, SUBECK and VINING. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** proclaiming April 20 to 26 as 2025 National Infertility Awareness
2 Week in Wisconsin.

3 Whereas, according to the World Health Organization, one in six individuals
4 have difficulty getting pregnant or sustaining a pregnancy; and

5 Whereas, the World Health Organization and American Medical Association
6 define infertility as a disease; and

7 Whereas, infertility affects women and men equally and does not discriminate
8 on the basis of race, religion, sexual orientation, marital status, or socioeconomic
9 level; and

10 Whereas, all individuals should have access to family-building options; and

11 Whereas, options for building a family include adoption and medical
12 treatment for infertility, such as in vitro fertilization (IVF) and third-party
13 reproduction; and

14 Whereas, cost and lack of insurance coverage are barriers that many

1 individuals in Wisconsin face in accessing the family-building options they need;
2 and

3 Whereas, raising awareness of infertility and the barriers faced by the family-
4 building community is the first step to removing these barriers; and

5 Whereas, antiabortion legal strategies to confer legal “personhood” on
6 fertilized eggs, zygotes, embryos, and fetuses are mounting across the country and
7 threaten the ability of individuals to access birth control as well as IVF and other
8 fertility treatments; now, therefore, be it

9 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the members of
10 the Wisconsin Legislature hereby affirm the legal right of patients with infertility
11 to undergo IVF and other fertility treatments; reject the notion of embryonic or fetal
12 “personhood”; join RESOLVE: The National Infertility Association and the
13 dedicated volunteers, health care professionals, and members of the infertility and
14 family-building community by participating in this promotion; and proclaim April
15 20 to 26, 2025, as National Infertility Awareness Week in Wisconsin.

16 (END)