



2025 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 57

May 21, 2025 - Introduced by Senators DRAKE, CARPENTER, RATCLIFF and SPREITZER, cosponsored by Representatives TAYLOR, BILLINGS, BROWN, CLANCY, CRUZ, DESANTO, DESMIDT, FITZGERALD, HYSELL, J. JACOBSON, JOERS, JOHNSON, MADISON, MOORE OMOKUNDE, PALMERI, PRADO, ROE, SINICKI, STROUD, STUBBS, SUBECK and MIRESE. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** designating May as Older Americans Month in Wisconsin.

2 Whereas, the state of Wisconsin has a thriving community of older Americans
3 who deserve recognition for their contributions and sacrifices to ensure a better life
4 for future generations; and

5 Whereas, more than 1.45 million Wisconsin residents are ages 60 or older,
6 comprising 25 percent of the state's total population; and

7 Whereas, the Wisconsin State Legislature is committed to helping all
8 individuals live longer, healthier lives in the communities of their choice for as long
9 as possible; and

10 Whereas, since 1965, the Older Americans Act has supported various
11 initiatives that help older adults remain healthy and independent, including Meals
12 on Wheels, congregate meals at senior centers, assisted transportation, in-home
13 care, and respite care; and

14 Whereas, these vital services complement existing medical and health care

1 systems, help prevent hospital admissions and readmissions, and support some of
2 life's most basic functions, such as bathing and preparing healthy meals; and

3 Whereas, these programs also support family caregivers, address issues of
4 exploitation, neglect, and abuse of older adults, and adapt services to the needs of
5 Native American elders; and

6 Whereas, the Wisconsin State Legislature recognizes the value of community
7 engagement and service in helping older adults remain healthy and active while
8 giving back to others; and

9 Whereas, the Wisconsin State Legislature encourages opportunities to enrich
10 the lives of individuals of all ages by promoting and engaging in activity, wellness,
11 and social inclusion; emphasizing home and community-based services that
12 support independent living; and ensuring that citizens of all ages benefit from the
13 contributions and experience of older adults; now, therefore be it

14 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the month of May
15 shall be designated as Older Americans Month in Wisconsin.

16 (END)