



## 2013 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 22

April 15, 2013 - Introduced by Representatives BALLWEG, BIES, ENDSLEY, JORGENSEN, KESTELL, KOLSTE, T. LARSON, MARKLEIN, MURPHY, OHNSTAD, A. OTT, POPE, RIPP, SCHRAA, SPIROS, TITTL and WRIGHT, cosponsored by Senators OLSEN, COWLES, GUDEx, HANSEN, LASSA, LEHMAN, SCHULTZ and L. TAYLOR. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1     **Relating to:** declaring May 2013 Youth Traffic Safety Month.

2             Whereas, the month of May is National Youth Traffic Safety Month; and

3             Whereas, motor vehicle accidents are the leading cause of death of young people  
4     in Wisconsin; and

5             Whereas, teenagers are over-represented in traffic crashes; while teenagers  
6     account for only 6 percent of licensed drivers in this state, they are involved in 16  
7     percent of all car crashes; and

8             Whereas, car accidents involving teenagers are often the result of distraction,  
9     inexperience, and risky behaviors such as tailgating, speeding, underestimating the  
10    danger of driver distractions, driving at night, and not buckling up; and

11            Whereas, the month of May is an important time for teenagers to focus on  
12    driving safely as prom, graduation, and summer trip season greatly increase the  
13    potential for traffic-related deaths and injuries involving young drivers; and

14            Whereas, the youth of this state are a vital asset we cannot afford to lose to  
15    traffic accidents; and

1           Whereas, safety awareness campaigns that emphasize consequences are a  
 2 proven strategy to help young drivers develop safe driving attitudes and prevent  
 3 traffic accidents; and

4           Whereas, Wisconsin citizens, including parents, educators, law enforcement,  
 5 elected leaders, community leaders, and youth themselves, must play a part in  
 6 protecting and educating this state’s youth and their families about youth traffic  
 7 safety; now, therefore, be it

8           ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the members of the  
 9 Wisconsin legislature proclaim May 2013 as Youth Traffic Safety Month in Wisconsin  
 10 and commend this observance to all residents.

11   (END)