



2017 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 51

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1 **Relating to:** declaring May 2017 as Foster Care Awareness Month.

2 Whereas, we must work to increase public awareness about foster care, which
3 provided homes for an estimated 428,000 children in the United States in 2015, with
4 7,000 in Wisconsin alone; and

5 Whereas, children in the foster care system range from ages 0 to 18, or 20 for
6 students with disabilities, and vary in behavioral and emotional support needs; and

7 Whereas, foster parents provide a nurturing and stable environment for the
8 children in their care and should be recognized for their dedication; and

9 Whereas, every child, regardless of race, creed, or socioeconomic status,
10 deserves a safe and secure home; and

11 Whereas, home stability has a lasting impact on child development and
12 education, both of which are top priorities of this state; and

13 Whereas, during Foster Care Awareness Month, we can encourage our families,
14 friends, and neighbors to consider opening their homes to those without; and

