



2021 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 51

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1 **Relating to:** honoring May 2021 as Wisconsin Motherhood Month.

2 Whereas, the family, in which mothers perform a crucial role, is a major social
3 institution in Wisconsin and throughout the world that provides tremendous value
4 to both its members and society as a whole; and

5 Whereas, the family social unit may be forged by blood, marriage, foster care,
6 or adoption, and may be both nuclear, encompassing parents and children, and
7 extended, encompassing other relatives; and

8 Whereas, mothers have a unique bond with their children, often acting as the
9 eye of the storm; and

10 Whereas, women across Wisconsin place their trust and their children in the
11 arms of other women, sharing motherhood through foster care, respite care, and
12 adoption; and

13 Whereas, mothers across Wisconsin receive children into their arms at a
14 moment's notice; and

1 Whereas, the public health and economic crisis of the COVID-19 pandemic has
2 impacted mothers and motherhood disproportionately, with unexpected
3 responsibilities and challenges that they had to confront; and

4 Whereas, mothers have an indispensable role in building and transforming
5 society and culture and move our state, country, and world forward, remaining
6 steadfast in their pursuit of a better and brighter future for their children; and

7 Whereas, the work of mothers is of paramount importance but is often
8 undervalued, unnoticed, and unappreciated; and

9 Whereas, mothers are innovators, tireless workers, engines of economic
10 growth, and drivers of progress; and

11 Whereas, mothers are breadwinners, community leaders, advocates, allies, and
12 pillars of family that have, for generations, blazed new paths, opened up new
13 possibilities, and widened circles of opportunity for their daughters and sons; and

14 Whereas, Wisconsin has the highest maternal mortality racial disparities in
15 the nation, which need to be addressed; and

16 Whereas the mental health of mothers is something to be centered and
17 championed; and

18 Whereas, Wisconsin has a proven record that the lives and livelihoods of
19 mothers' matter, and a commitment to restore the prognosis of motherhood in our
20 state to health and prosperity; and

21 Whereas, Mother's Day is celebrated in May across Wisconsin and nationwide;
22 and

23 Whereas, mothers, and the institution of motherhood, are worthy of honor and
24 affirmation; now, therefore, be it

