

2015 Assembly Joint Resolution 34

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to: declaring May 14 to be Apraxia Awareness Day.

Whereas, May 14, 2015, marks the third annual Childhood Apraxia of Speech Day, during which awareness will be raised about Childhood Apraxia of Speech throughout Wisconsin, a particularly difficult, persistent, and severe speech and communication disorder in youngsters; and

Whereas, Childhood Apraxia of Speech (CAS) causes children to have extreme difficulty learning to speak and is among the most severe of speech and communication problems in children; and

Whereas, the act of learning to speak comes effortlessly to most children, those with apraxia endure an incredible and lengthy struggle; and

Whereas, without appropriate intervention, children with apraxia are then placed at high risk for secondary impacts in literacy and other school-related skills; and

Whereas, most children with apraxia of speech will learn to communicate with their very own voices only if they receive early intervention and appropriate, frequent speech therapy; and

Whereas, it is imperative there be greater public awareness about childhood apraxia of speech in Wisconsin; and

Whereas, we especially encourage funders such as insurance providers and schools to recognize the critical need to provide adequate speech therapy and other services so that the impact of this disorder can be minimized and so that affected children can grow into productive, contributing adult citizens; and

Whereas, our highest respect goes to these children, as well as their families, for their effort, determination, and resilience in the face of such obstacles; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That May 14, 2015, and each May 14 thereafter is “Apraxia Awareness Day” and citizens of Wisconsin are encouraged to work within their communities to increase awareness and understanding of Childhood Apraxia of Speech.

Senator Mary Lazich
President of the Senate

Representative Robin J. Vos
Speaker of the Assembly

Date

Patrick E. Fuller
Assembly Chief Clerk