

State of Misconsin 2003 - 2004 LEGISLATURE

2003 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 38

June 12, 2003 – Introduced by Senators ROESSLER, DARLING, LAZICH, ERPENBACH and ZIEN, cosponsored by Representatives Underheim, Hines, Wasserman, JESKEWITZ, LADWIG, MILLER, OLSEN, LOTHIAN, POPE-ROBERTS, GRONEMUS, M. LEHMAN, BERCEAU, PETTIS, HAHN, VAN ROY, TURNER, KRAWCZYK, J. LEHMAN, PETROWSKI, TAYLOR, GUNDERSON, OTT and WEBER. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1	Relating to: declaring June Kids Safety Month.
2	Whereas, research shows that nationally from 1987 to 2000 the unintentional
3	injury death rate for children age 14 years and under has dropped by nearly 40%; and
4	Whereas, in this region, the rate was closer to 30%; and
5	Whereas, while this is one of the most dramatic declines ever seen in a
6	children's health issue, unintentional injuries remain the number one killer of
7	children age 14 years and under in the United States; and
8	Whereas, children are at greater risk than adults of recreational injuries
9	because they are unable to assess the risks involved and have less coordination,
10	slower reaction times, and less accuracy; and
11	Whereas, children develop at different rates, both physically and
12	psychologically, and a less developed child competing against a more mature child
13	of the same age and weight is at a disadvantage and may be at greater risk for injury;
14	and

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1	Whereas, 40% of all unintentional injury-related deaths occur from May to
2	August and the greatest summertime risks include drowning, bike crashes, falls,
3	pedestrian incidents, and motor vehicle crashes, and July is the deadliest time for
4	childhood unintentional injury with 12% of unintentional injury-related deaths
5	occurring during this month alone; and
6	Whereas, older children experience the greatest increase in unintentional
7	injury-related death during the summer months; and
8	Whereas, preventable injuries take an enormous financial, emotional, and
9	social toll, not just on the injured children and their families but also on society as
10	a whole; and
11	Whereas, these injuries are not inevitable, they are preventable; and
12	Whereas, children's safety is a concern every day no matter what time of the
13	year, and all Wisconsin citizens are called on to renew the commitment to place a
14	priority on child injury prevention; now, therefore, be it
15	Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the members of the
16	Wisconsin legislature declare June Kids Safety Month.
17	(END)