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2015 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 117

February 29, 2016 – Introduced by Representatives Spreitzer, Zamarripa, Barnes, Berceau, Brostoff, Considine, Genrich, Hesselbein, Johnson, Jorgensen, Kahl, Kessler, Kolste, Pope, Riemer, Sargent, Shankland, Sinicki, Subeck, C. Taylor, Wachs and Zepnick, cosponsored by Senators Carpenter, Bewley, C. Larson, Miller, Ringhand, Risser, L. Taylor and Vinehout. Referred to Committee on Rules.

Whereas, Wisconsin has a committed history of being at the forefront of supporting equality for all its citizens; and

Whereas, in February 1982, Wisconsin made history when Governor Lee Sherman Dreyfus signed the nation's first state law protecting lesbians and gays from discrimination in employment, housing, and public accommodations; and

Whereas, in the intervening years, tremendous advancements have been made with respect to equitable treatment of lesbians, gay men, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) persons both in Wisconsin and throughout the nation; and

Whereas, Wisconsin has elected the first openly LGBT member of the United States Senate and the Wisconsin state legislature has four openly LGBT members; and

Whereas, in June 2014, same-sex couples were legally able to marry in Wisconsin, and the United States Supreme Court affirmed the equal right to marriage for same-sex couples in all 50 states in June 2015; and

1	Whereas, despite these advances LGBT people continue to face discrimination
2	and LGBT youth continue to be at increased risk for bullying, substance abuse,
3	depression, homelessness, and suicide; and
4	Whereas, June has become a symbolic month in which LGBT people and their
5	allies have come together in various celebrations of pride; and
6	Whereas, recognizing Pride Month will help foster an atmosphere of inclusion,
7	acceptance, and celebration to the community; and
8	Whereas, LGBT individuals, along with their families, friends, and neighbors,
9	will be honoring Pride Month in cities and towns across the state, including
10	Milwaukee, Madison, Green Bay, La Crosse, and Superior; and
11	Whereas, the month-long celebration is an opportunity for all people in the
12	state to affirm their commitment to mutual respect and understanding; now,
13	therefore, be it
14	Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the Wisconsin
15	legislature recognizes the month of June 2016 to be LGBT Pride Month.
16	(END)