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## 2015 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 99

February 9, 2016 – Introduced by Senators L. TAYLOR, C. LARSON, LASSA, VINEHOUT and HARRIS DODD, cosponsored by Representatives A. OTT, BERCEAU, MASON, MILROY, SINICKI, SPREITZER, SUBECK and ZEPNICK. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1     **Relating to:** Proclaiming November 2016 as Mental Health Screening Month in  
2           Wisconsin.

3           Whereas, in any given year, more than 61.5 million Americans experience  
4     mental illness; and

5           Whereas, mental illness is more common than cancer, diabetes, and heart  
6     disease; and

7           Whereas, it has been established that between 70 percent and 90 percent of  
8     persons with a mental illness experience a significant reduction of symptoms and an  
9     improved quality of life when properly treated; and

10          Whereas, with adequate treatment, nearly 60 percent of Americans  
11     experiencing a mental illness live productive lives; and

12          Whereas, there are often long delays between the first appearance of  
13     diagnosable symptoms and when individuals seek help, and this delay can have  
14     permanent consequences, including suicide, brain damage, and lost relationships;  
15     and

