



## 2017 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 79

October 18, 2017 - Introduced by Senators L. TAYLOR, DARLING, RINGHAND, RISSER, VINEHOUT and WANGGAARD, cosponsored by Representatives KLEEFISCH, ANDERSON, BOWEN, CONSIDINE, CROWLEY, HEBL, HESSELBEIN, HINTZ, HORLACHER, JACQUE, MASON, MILROY, MURSAU, PRONSCHINSKE, RIPP, SHANKLAND, SPIROS, SPREITZER, TAUCHEN, C. TAYLOR and TITTL. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1     **Relating to:** proclaiming October as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

2             Whereas, in any given year, more than 10,000,000 women and men are  
3 physically abused by an intimate partner in the United States, and 1 in 3 women as  
4 well as 1 in 4 men have been or will be victims of physical violence by a partner in  
5 their lifetime; and

6             Whereas, domestic violence consists of a dominant partner exerting control  
7 over a victim through physical, emotional, and psychological abuse, the effects of  
8 which can have the potential to irreparably ruin one's mental well-being, career, and  
9 relationships; and

10            Whereas, many individuals experiencing domestic violence are unable to  
11 escape because of the extent of control to which the abuser subjects the victim. This  
12 control consists of threats of violence to victims or loved ones, withholding finances,  
13 and efforts to isolate victims from friends and families; and

14            Whereas, because it can be difficult to recognize the signs of domestic violence  
15 and it is known that anyone from any background can be an abuser, it is paramount

1 to assist and empower victims to escape their situation by demonstrating widespread  
2 public efforts to end domestic violence in our communities; and

3 Whereas, the legislature has an opportunity to engage the public about the  
4 serious consequences domestic violence has on victims, family members, and our  
5 communities; and

6 Whereas, October is designated as National Domestic Violence Awareness  
7 Month to reduce the obstacles of escaping violent relationships, build a national  
8 support network to assist victims, and foster a national discussion regarding the best  
9 measures to end domestic violence; now, therefore, be it

10 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the legislature  
11 hereby proclaims October National Domestic Violence Awareness Month in  
12 Wisconsin.

13 (END)