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2017 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 83

November 3, 2017 – Introduced by Senators VINEHOUT, COWLES, CARPENTER and WIRCH, cosponsored by Representatives HINTZ, NERISON, ANDERSON, BERCEAU, WACHS, SINICKI, POPE, SARGENT and THIESFELDT. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1	Relating to: proclaiming September 2017 as Charcot-Marie-Tooth Disease
2	Awareness Month.
3	Whereas, Charcot-Marie-Tooth Disease, or CMT, affects approximately one in
4	2,500 people in the United States, and about 2.8 million people worldwide, making
5	it one of the most common inherited neurological disorders; and
6	Whereas, the neuropathy of CMT causes the degeneration of motor nerves
7	resulting in muscle weakness and atrophy in the extremities, characterized by a slow
8	and progressive degeneration of the muscles in the foot and lower leg and extending
9	to weakness in the hands and loss of muscle tone, causing difficulty carrying out fine
10	motor skills; and
11	Whereas, because CMT is not widely known, even in the medical community,
12	many citizens go undiagnosed, misdiagnosed, or unaware of the slow progression of
13	this disorder; and

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1 Whereas, there are no known treatments that will stop or slow down the 2 progression of CMT and there are more than 70 different kinds of CMT with more 3 being discovered every year; and

Whereas, CMT Awareness Month is designed to explain the signs and
symptoms, to encourage people to seek medical assistance early, to further research,
and to expand public awareness; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the Wisconsin
Legislature does hereby proclaim September 2017 as Charcot-Marie-Tooth Disease
Awareness Month.

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