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February 17, 2020 – Introduced by Representatives Hintz, Cabrera, Emerson, Hebl., Horlacher, Kolste, B. Meyers, Milroy, Sargent, Sinicki, Stubbs, Subeck, Vruwink and Zamarripa, cosponsored by Senator L. Taylor. Referred to Committee on Rules.

Relating to: recognizing March 1, 2020, to March 6, 2020, as Aplastic Anemia and 1 2 MDS Awareness Week in Wisconsin. 3 Whereas, aplastic anemia is a rare but extremely serious blood disorder; and Whereas, aplastic anemia occurs when bone marrow cannot produce the 4 5 amount of blood cells necessary for normal body functioning; and 6 Whereas, people with aplastic anemia have an increased risk for 7 life-threatening infections and bleeding; and Whereas, the Aplastic Anemia and Myelodysplastic Syndrome (MDS) 8 9 International Foundation estimates that between 600 and 900 people are diagnosed 10 with aplastic anemia each year in the United States; and 11 Whereas, the only cure for aplastic anemia is a bone marrow transplant; 12 however, the success of the transplant depends on the stage of the disease, the 13 patient's age and general health, and how well the donor's tissue type matches the 14 patient; and

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1	Whereas, another treatment option for aplastic anemia is immunosuppressive
2	therapy; however, approximately one-third of patients do not respond to
3	immunosuppressive drugs; and
4	Whereas, the five-year survival rate for patients who receive treatment for
5	aplastic anemia is approximately 40 percent for those under age 20, 30 percent for
6	those 20 to 40 years old, and 10 percent for those over age 40; and
7	Whereas, severe aplastic anemia without a bone marrow transplant or
8	response to immunosuppressive therapy has a two-year fatality rate of 70 percent;
9	and
10	Whereas, it is important to increase awareness around aplastic anemia and the
11	similar blood disorder MDS, which occurs when bone marrow cells do not develop
12	into mature blood cells, to facilitate the battle against these debilitating bone
13	marrow diseases; and
14	Whereas, March 1, 2020, to March 6, 2020, is recognized as National Aplastic
15	Anemia and MDS Awareness Week; now, therefore, be it
16	Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the members of the
17	Wisconsin Legislature recognize March 1, 2020, to March 6, 2020, as Aplastic
18	Anemia and MDS Awareness Week.

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