

State of Misconsin 2019 - 2020 LEGISLATURE

## **2019 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 63**

September 5, 2019 – Introduced by Senators CARPENTER, L. TAYLOR, LARSON, OLSEN and RINGHAND, cosponsored by Representatives HINTZ, VORPAGEL, KOLSTE, L. MYERS, RIEMER, ANDERSON, BOWEN, BROSTOFF, CROWLEY, DOYLE, EMERSON, FIELDS, GOYKE, HEBL, HESSELBEIN, KITCHENS, B. MEYERS, OHNSTAD, SINICKI, SPREITZER, STUBBS, TUSLER and ZAMARRIPA. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1	Relating to: recognizing August as Immunization Awareness Month in Wisconsin.
2	Whereas, August is National Immunization Awareness Month; and
3	Whereas, nearly a million students will return to Wisconsin schools at the end
4	of August and beginning of September; and
5	Whereas, state law requires K-12 students to receive certain immunizations
6	to maintain herd immunity and protect the health of those who are unable to receive
7	those immunizations; and
8	Whereas, a national measles outbreak impacting 30 states and nearly 1,200
9	individuals is currently the largest in the United States in over 25 years and since
10	measles was declared eliminated in this country; and
11	Whereas, the current measles outbreak could have been prevented in certain
12	parts of the country with higher vaccination rates and fewer exemptions; and
13	Whereas, immunizations are considered to be one of the greatest modern
14	medical discoveries of the past century; and

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1	Whereas, vaccines are estimated to have prevented 26.8 million
2	hospitalizations and 936,000 deaths among children born in the United States
3	between 1994 and 2018; and
4	Whereas, vaccinations are necessary and safe for the overwhelming majority
5	of people and have been shown to prevent disease across the globe; now therefore it
6	be
7	Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That: the members of
8	the Wisconsin Legislature recognize August 2019 as Immunization Awareness

- 9 Month in Wisconsin.
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