



2021 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 85

October 14, 2021 - Introduced by Representatives SPREITZER, SNODGRASS, NEUBAUER, CABRERA, BOWEN, BROSTOFF, CONLEY, CONSIDINE, EMERSON, HEBL, HESSELBEIN, HINTZ, MOORE OMOKUNDE, S. RODRIGUEZ, SHANKLAND, SHELTON, SINICKI, SUBECK and VINING, cosponsored by Senators CARPENTER, AGARD, LARSON and ROYS. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** recognizing October 26, 2021, as Intersex Awareness Day in Wisconsin.

2 Whereas, Intersex Awareness Day is recognized on October 26 in honor of the
3 first public demonstration by intersex people in the United States at the annual
4 conference of the American Academy of Pediatrics on October 26, 1996; and

5 Whereas, “intersex” refers to individuals born with variations in their physical
6 or biological sex characteristics, including genital anatomy, reproductive organs,
7 hormonal variations, or chromosomal patterns; and

8 Whereas, since the first Intersex Awareness Day in 1996, it has become a day
9 during which intersex people and allies come together to celebrate and uplift the
10 intersex community; and

11 Whereas, approximately 1.7 percent of people are born with intersex traits; and

12 Whereas, intersex people are often stigmatized and subjected to
13 discrimination; and

14 Whereas, intersex babies and children are often subject to unnecessary and
15 involuntary surgeries at a young age to make their bodies conform to traditional

1 notions of what it means to be male or female, although these interventions may
2 result in lasting physical and mental harm; and

3 Whereas, medical practices should respect the human rights and bodily
4 autonomy of all people, and government institutions should implement policies that
5 protect and support intersex people; and

6 Whereas, people born with intersex traits are an important part of the diversity
7 of our state and should be afforded equal dignity and respect; now, therefore, be it

8 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the Wisconsin
9 Legislature does hereby recognize October 26, 2021, to be Intersex Awareness Day
10 in Wisconsin.

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