

2019 Assembly Resolution 9

## **ENGROSSED RESOLUTION**

**Relating to:** proclaiming October 20 to 26, 2019, as National Massage Therapy Awareness Week.

Whereas, there are nearly 5,000 licensed massage therapists in the state of Wisconsin contributing to the health and wellness of the people of Wisconsin; and

Whereas, massage therapy is beneficial to overall health and is increasingly part of integrated health care; and

Whereas, consumers are spending \$8 to \$12 billion annually on massage therapy; and Whereas, therapeutic massage can benefit people of all ages; and

Whereas, a growing body of clinical research shows massage therapy is beneficial for a wide variety of health issues, including stress, high blood pressure, fibromyalgia, arthritis, back pain, muscles injury and soreness, headaches and just maintaining good health; and

Whereas, the American Massage Therapy Association (AMTA), a professional association for massage therapists, provides consumer and professional education information on massage and helps consumers and health professionals locate qualified massage therapists in their area; now, therefore be it

**Resolved by the assembly, That:** the Wisconsin Legislature proclaims October 20 to 26, 2019, as National Massage Therapy Awareness Week.

State Capitol	Representative Robin J. Vos
Madison, Wisconsin	Speaker of the Assembly
Date	Patrick E. Fuller Assembly Chief Clerk