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## 2019 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 31

May 8, 2019 - Introduced by Senators COWLES and L. TAYLOR, cosponsored by Representatives HUTTON, SUMMERFIELD, DUCHOW, KRUG, KUGLITSCH, KULP, MAGNAFICI, RODRIGUEZ, SKOWRONSKI, SPIROS, STUBBS, TAUCHEN, THIESFELDT and TUSLER. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1     **Relating to:** proclaiming May 2019 as World Trade Month.

2             Whereas, the month of May is World Trade Month, and Wisconsin is a key  
3 contributor of the United States' international trade, providing over \$22 billion in  
4 exports; and

5             Whereas, Wisconsin exports to countries all over the world, but the two  
6 countries with the most developed trading relationships with Wisconsin are Canada  
7 and Mexico, with Canada receiving almost \$7 billion in exports in 2017, and Mexico  
8 receiving more than \$3 billion; and

9             Whereas, it is especially important to have a solid trade relationship with  
10 Mexico and Canada, and the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement would  
11 strengthen these relationships, and expand opportunities for Wisconsin exporters;  
12 and

13             Whereas, many of Wisconsin's top exports are made by our highly skilled  
14 manufacturing industry, including industrial machinery, electrical machinery,  
15 medical and scientific instruments, vehicles and parts, and plastic products. These

1 exports are products of manufacturing, which employs more than 16 percent of the  
2 Wisconsin workforce; and

3 Whereas, Wisconsin's farmers and food processors produce vital exports  
4 including dairy products, grains, fruits, and vegetables. Agriculture and food  
5 processing provide 11.9 percent of jobs in Wisconsin's economy; and

6 Whereas, Wisconsin's workers create high quality products for export across all  
7 industries. Their exports help to demonstrate Wisconsin's values, such as hard work  
8 and conscientiousness; now, therefore, be it

9 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the members of the  
10 Wisconsin Legislature, in recognition of the importance of international trade,  
11 hereby proclaim May 2019 as World Trade Month in Wisconsin.

12 (END)