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2019 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 44

June 6, 2019 - Introduced by Senators SHILLING, SMITH, L. TAYLOR, CARPENTER, COWLES, SCHACHTNER and MILLER, cosponsored by Representatives BILLINGS, TRANEL, PETRYK, DOYLE, OLDENBURG, PRONSCHINSKE, ANDERSON, NEUBAUER, SHANKLAND, VANDERMEER, KOLSTE, CONSIDINE, SARGENT, EMERSON, SPREITZER, POPE, HESSELBEIN, SKOWRONSKI, KULP, OHNSTAD, SUBECK and C. TAYLOR. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** supporting the efforts by the State of Wisconsin and others in the
2 Mississippi River Basin to work together to achieve the goals of the Gulf
3 Hypoxia Action Plan and a reduction of the hypoxic zone in the Gulf of Mexico.

4 Whereas, the loss of phosphorus and nitrogen into Wisconsin rivers, lakes, and
5 streams in the Mississippi River Basin is causing water quality problems that impact
6 the recreational use and fisheries of these in-state waters; and

7 Whereas, excess amounts of phosphorus and nitrogen that reach the
8 Mississippi River are causing overgrowth of duckweed and filamentous algae on
9 backwater lakes of the Mississippi, creating low oxygen levels that are unhealthy for
10 fish and other aquatic life and inhibiting recreation; and

11 Whereas, these nutrient losses contribute to the continued formation of a large
12 area of hypoxia, or low oxygen levels, in the northern Gulf of Mexico; and

13 Whereas, the State of Wisconsin has been a participant in the cooperative effort
14 to address this problem through the federal-state Mississippi River/Gulf of Mexico

