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## **2019 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 146**

February 20, 2020 – Introduced by Representatives STEFFEN, DITTRICH, GUNDRUM, HORLACHER, MAGNAFICI, MILROY, MURPHY, THIESFELDT, TITTL, TUSLER, RAMTHUN, KULP and WICHGERS, cosponsored by Senators JACQUE and WANGGAARD. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1	<b>Relating to:</b> calling for action to protect Christians in Nigeria.
2	Whereas, persons of faith — regardless of their faith or where they live —
3	should neither face persecution nor fear for their lives because of their religious
4	beliefs; and
5	Whereas, Fulani militants, Boko Haram, and other terrorist organizations in
6	Nigeria are increasingly attacking Christians, torching more than 1,000 churches
7	and killing more than 6,000 individuals; and
8	Whereas, among the 25 most populous countries in the world, Nigeria ranks
9	highest in religion-related social hostilities; and
10	Whereas, Nigeria is home to two of the top sources of terror in the world —
11	Fulani militants and Boko Haram; and
12	Whereas, terrorism has caused more civilian deaths in Nigeria than in
13	war-torn Syria or Pakistan; and

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1	Whereas, terrorism and ethno-religious violence within Nigeria have
2	decimated entire villages and have produced nearly 1.8 million internally displaced
3	persons; and
4	Whereas, President Buhari and the Nigerian government are not acting with
5	due haste or diligence to prevent the attacks against Christians; and
6	Whereas, the Nigerian government is not appearing to be able to protect its
7	citizens; now, therefore, be it
8	Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the Wisconsin
9	Legislature implores President Trump and his administration to formally
10	acknowledge the killing of Christians in Nigeria and designate a special envoy to
11	help counter the increasing violence in Nigeria, which jeopardizes the stability of
12	Nigeria, Europe, and the United States.
13	(END)