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## 2019 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 53

June 28, 2019 - Introduced by Senators Carpenter, Erpenbach, Hansen, Johnson, Larson, Miller, Ringhand, Risser, Smith, L. Taylor and Wirch, cosponsored by Representatives Spreitzer, Zamarripa, Anderson, Billings, Bowen, Brostoff, Cabrera, Crowley, Emerson, Fields, Goyke, Gruszynski, Hebl, Hesselbein, Hintz, Milroy, Neubauer, Ohnstad, Riemer, Sargent, Shankland, Stubbs, Stuck, Subeck, C. Taylor, Vining and Vruwink. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

**Relating to:** proclaiming November 20, 2019, as Wisconsin's Transgender Day of 1 2 Remembrance. 3 Whereas, Transgender Day of Remembrance, which occurs annually on November 20, is a day to memorialize those who have been murdered as a result of 4 5 transphobia and to bring attention to the continued violence endured by the transgender community; and 6 Whereas, Transgender Day of Remembrance was founded in 1999 by 7 8 Gwendolyn Ann Smith, a transgender woman, to memorialize the murder of 9 transgender woman Rita Hester in Allston, Massachusetts; and 10 Whereas, since its inception, Transgender Day of Remembrance has been held annually on November 20, and it has slowly evolved from the web-based project 11 12 started by Smith into an international day of action; and 13 Whereas, Transgender Day of Remembrance has been observed in over 185

cities throughout more than 20 countries; and

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Whereas, Transgender Day of Remembrance memorials traditionally include a reading of the names of those who lost their lives during the previous year, and may include other actions, such as candlelight vigils and marches; now, therefore, be it \*Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That\* the Wisconsin Legislature does hereby recognize and proclaim November 20, 2019, to be Wisconsin's Transgender Day of Remembrance.

7 (END)