

State of Misconsin 2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

2021 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 68

July 1, 2021 – Introduced by Representatives Baldeh, Cabrera, Moore Omokunde, Conley, Brostoff, Anderson, Andraca, Bowen, Considine, Hebl, Hesselbein, Neubauer, Ohnstad, Ortiz-Velez, Hintz, Shelton, Snodgrass, Stubbs, Vruwink and Subeck. Referred to Committee on Rules.

Relating to: proclaiming June 2021 as Immigrant Heritage Month.
Whereas, since Ole and Lena arrived from Norway to farm the Northwoods of
Wisconsin to the immigration of Giannis Antetokounmpo from Nigeria via Athens
to win two MVPs, the State of Wisconsin has been formed and enriched by waves of
immigrants from every corner of the world; and
Whereas, early in our history our state was populated by immigrants from
Germany, Norway, Sweden, and Poland, by 2018, immigrants who primarily came
from Mexico, Laos, China, and the Philippines comprised 5 percent of all Wisconsin
residents, and an additional 5 percent of us had at least one parent who was an
immigrant; and
Whereas, our state's 290,000 immigrants from all corners of the globe — Africa,
Asia, Europe, South and Central America, and Australia — play an important role
in Wisconsin's economy, earning a combined household income of \$9.8 billion and
paying \$970 million in state and local taxes each year; and

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1 Whereas, immigrants account for almost 25 percent of the agricultural $\mathbf{2}$ workforce and 15 percent of the information technology workforce and have 3 established businesses with over \$9 billion in sales and employing 55,000 workers; 4 and 5 Whereas, despite these important and unique economic, social, and cultural contributions made by each wave of migration over 200 years, the role of immigrants 6 7 in building our state in the past and today is often overlooked and undervalued due 8 to ignorance, racism, and xenophobia; and 9 Whereas, this month Wisconsinites should join together in a spirit of unity and 10 kindness and reject prejudice against immigrants regardless of their legal status or 11 their nation of origin and instead celebrate their ongoing contributions to every 12community and the state; now, therefore, be it 13**Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That** the Wisconsin Legislature proclaims June 2021 as Immigrant Heritage Month. 14

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