



2023 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 67

September 6, 2023 - Introduced by Representatives J. ANDERSON, C. ANDERSON, ANDRACA, BALDEH, BARE, CABRERA, CLANCY, CONLEY, CONSIDINE, DONOVAN, DRAKE, EMERSON, HAYWOOD, HONG, JACOBSON, JOERS, MADISON, MOORE OMOKUNDE, MURPHY, MYERS, NEUBAUER, OHNSTAD, ORTIZ-VELEZ, PALMERI, RATCLIFF, SHANKLAND, SINICKI, SNODGRASS, STUBBS, SUBECK and VINING, cosponsored by Senators AGARD, CARPENTER, HESSELBEIN, LARSON, PFAFF, ROYS, SMITH, SPREITZER and WIRCH. Referred to Committee on Rules.

Relating to: designating July 2023 as Disability Pride Month in Wisconsin.

Whereas, disability is a natural part of human life and human diversity that should not compromise a person's fundamental right to independence, self-determination, or participation in public life; and

Whereas, the disabled community is the world's largest minority, making up an estimated 15 percent of the world's population, including 61 million Americans and more than 300,000 Wisconsinites; and

Whereas, disability intersects with many other identities, including race, gender, and socioeconomic status, and touches every aspect of daily life, from health care and housing to education and environmental justice; and

Whereas, disability is itself an extremely diverse identity, including physical disabilities, neurodivergence, invisible and undiagnosed disabilities, psychiatric disabilities, and sensory disabilities; and

Whereas, disabled activists have fought long and hard to break down barriers

to inclusion but nonetheless continue to face discrimination, segregation, and inaccessible environments that prevent them from living fully and equitably in their communities; and

Whereas, the Americans with Disabilities Act, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability status and has helped ensure disabled people can access the accommodations they need, was signed into law on July 26, 1990; and

Whereas, during the month of July, we celebrate the value, contributions, and diverse life experiences of disabled Wisconsinites and reaffirm our commitment to build a more equitable and inclusive state for all; now therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the Wisconsin Legislature designates July 2023 as Disability Pride Month in Wisconsin.

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