

State of Misconsin 2023 - 2024 LEGISLATURE

2023 ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3

January 19, 2023 – Introduced by Representatives DITTRICH, SHELTON, ARMSTRONG, SINICKI, GUNDRUM, BILLINGS, ROZAR, CABRERA, SUBECK, KITCHENS, SCHRAA, CONLEY, MURSAU, MURPHY, DRAKE, STUBBS, SNODGRASS, DUCHOW and SHANKLAND. Referred to Committee on Rules.

| 1 | Relating to: observing February 28, 2023, as Rare Disease Day in Wisconsin. |
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| 2 | Whereas, there are nearly 7,000 diseases and conditions considered rare (each |
| 3 | affecting fewer than 200,000 Americans) in the United States, according to the |
| 4 | National Institutes of Health (NIH); and |
| 5 | Whereas, while each of these diseases may affect small numbers of people, rare |
| 6 | diseases as a group affect approximately 25 to 30 million Americans; and |
| 7 | Whereas, many rare diseases are serious and debilitating conditions that have |
| 8 | a significant impact on the lives of those affected; and |
| 9 | Whereas, while more than 800 drugs and biologics have been approved for the |
| 10 | treatment of rare diseases according to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), |
| 11 | millions of Americans still have rare diseases for which there is no approved |
| 12 | treatment; and |
| 13 | Whereas, individuals and families affected by rare diseases often experience |
| 14 | problems such as diagnosis delay, difficulty finding a medical expert, and lack of |
| 15 | access to treatments or ancillary services; and |

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| 1 | Whereas, while the public is familiar with some rare diseases, many patients |
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| 2 | and families affected by less widely known rare diseases bear a large share of the |
| 3 | burden of funding research and raising public awareness to support the search for |
| 4 | treatments; and |
| 5 | Whereas, residents of Wisconsin are among those affected by rare diseases |
| 6 | because nearly one in 10 Americans have rare diseases; and |
| 7 | Whereas, the National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD) is organizing |
| 8 | a nationwide observance of Rare Disease Day on February 28, 2023; now, therefore, |
| 9 | be it |
| 10 | Resolved by the assembly, That February 28, 2023, will be observed as Rare |
| 11 | Disease Day in Wisconsin. |
| 12 | (END) |