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2023 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 41

May 15, 2023 - Introduced by Senators Spreitzer, Carpenter, Agard, Hesselbein, Larson, Roys and Smith, cosponsored by Representatives Cabrera, Snodgrass, Neubauer, Clancy, Ratcliff, C. Anderson, J. Anderson, Andraca, Baldeh, Bare, Conley, Considine, Emerson, Goyke, Hong, Jacobson, Joers, Madison, Moore Omokunde, Ohnstad, Palmeri, Shelton, Sinicki, Stubbs and Subeck. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1	Relating to: recognizing October 26, 2023, as Intersex Awareness Day in Wisconsin.
2	Whereas, Intersex Awareness Day is recognized on October 26 in honor of the
3	first public demonstration by intersex people in the United States at the annual
4	conference of the American Academy of Pediatrics on October 26, 1996; and
5	Whereas, "intersex" refers to individuals born with variations in their physical
6	or biological sex characteristics, including genital anatomy, reproductive organs,
7	hormonal variations, or chromosomal patterns; and
8	Whereas, since the first Intersex Awareness Day in 1996, it has become a day
9	during which intersex people and allies come together to celebrate and uplift the
10	intersex community; and
11	Whereas, approximately 1.7 percent of people are born with intersex traits; and
12	Whereas, intersex people are often stigmatized and subjected to
13	discrimination; and

Whereas, intersex babies and children are often subject to unnecessary and

involuntary surgeries at a young age to make their bodies conform to traditional

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notions of what it means to be male or female, although these interventions may result in lasting physical and mental harm; and

Whereas, medical practices should respect the human rights and bodily autonomy of all people, and government institutions should implement policies that protect and support intersex people; and

Whereas, people born with intersex traits are an important part of the diversity of our state and should be afforded equal dignity and respect; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the Wisconsin Legislature does hereby recognize October 26, 2023, to be Intersex Awareness Day in Wisconsin.

11 (END)