



2025 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 60

May 30, 2025 - Introduced by Senators L. JOHNSON, RATCLIFF, CARPENTER, DRAKE, HABUSH SINYKIN, HESSELBEIN, KEYESKI, LARSON, ROYS, SMITH and SPREITZER, cosponsored by Representatives FITZGERALD, STUBBS, ANDRACA, ARNEY, BARE, BROWN, CRUZ, DESANTO, DESMIDT, EMERSON, HYSELL, JOERS, JOHNSON, KIRSCH, MADISON, MAYADEV, MCCARVILLE, MIRESE, MOORE OMOKUNDE, NEUBAUER, ORTIZ-VELEZ, ROE, SINICKI, SNODGRASS, STROUD, TENORIO, UDELL, VINING and PRADO. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** proclaiming June 6, 2025, as Gun Violence Awareness Day in
2 Wisconsin.

3 Whereas, the U.S. Supreme Court has recognized that the right to bear arms
4 under the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution is not unlimited and allows
5 for reasonable restrictions on firearms, including who can have firearms and under
6 what conditions, where firearms can be carried, and what types of firearms are
7 permissible; and

8 Whereas, firearms have become the number one cause of death for children in
9 the United States and Wisconsin; and

10 Whereas, on average, every day in the United States, approximately 327
11 people are injured or killed with guns in murders, assaults, suicides, and accidents;
12 and

13 Whereas, in Wisconsin, approximately 741 men, women, and children are

1 killed with guns each year, 64 percent of whom die as a result of suicide by firearm;
2 and

3 Whereas, in Wisconsin, over 1,500 people are wounded each year by guns; and

4 Whereas, gun deaths devastate families in urban, rural, and suburban areas;

5 and

6 Whereas, while Wisconsin's urban areas are disproportionately affected by
7 gun homicide, the state's less populated areas experience greater rates of gun
8 suicide; and

9 Whereas, gun violence costs our country \$557.2 billion in combined direct and
10 indirect expenses annually; and

11 Whereas, studies show that gun safety laws save lives and are associated with
12 lower firearm death rates; and

13 Whereas, Wisconsin has a long tradition of responsible gun ownership, safe
14 gun usage, and training to hunt with firearms; now, therefore, be it

15 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the legislature
16 hereby proclaims June 6, 2025, as Gun Violence Awareness Day in Wisconsin.

17 (END)