



State of Wisconsin  
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## 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.

\*\*\*AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE\*\*\*

1 **Relating to:** proclaiming June 2021 as Immigrant Heritage Month.

2       Whereas, since Ole and Lena arrived from Norway to farm the Northwoods of  
3 Wisconsin to the immigration of Giannis Antetokounmpo from Nigeria via Athens  
4 to win two MVPs, the State of Wisconsin has been formed and enriched by waves of  
5 immigrants from every corner of the world; and

6       Whereas, early in our history our state was populated by immigrants from  
7 Germany, Norway, Sweden, and Poland, by 2018, immigrants who primarily came  
8 from Mexico, Laos, China, and the Philippines comprised 5 percent of all Wisconsin  
9 residents, and an additional 5 percent of us had at least one parent who was an  
10 immigrant; and

11       Whereas, our state's 290,000 immigrants from all corners of the globe — Africa,  
12 Asia, Europe, South and Central America, and Australia — play an important role  
13 in Wisconsin's economy, earning a combined household income of \$9.8 billion and  
14 paying \$970 million in state and local taxes each year; and

1           Whereas, immigrants account for almost 25 percent of the agricultural  
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  
6 contributions made by each wave of migration over 200 years, the role of immigrants  
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  
12 community and the state; now, therefore, be it

13           ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the Wisconsin  
14 Legislature proclaims June 2021 as Immigrant Heritage Month.

15                           (END)