



2013 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 18

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1 **Relating to:** declaring May 2013 Youth Traffic Safety Month.

2 Whereas, the month of May is National Youth Traffic Safety Month; and

3 Whereas, motor vehicle accidents are the leading cause of death of young people
4 in Wisconsin; and

5 Whereas, teenagers are over-represented in traffic crashes; while teenagers
6 account for only 6 percent of licensed drivers in this state, they are involved in 16
7 percent of all car crashes; and

8 Whereas, car accidents involving teenagers are often the result of distraction,
9 inexperience, and risky behaviors such as tailgating, speeding, underestimating the
10 danger of driver distractions, driving at night, and not buckling up; and

11 Whereas, the month of May is an important time for teenagers to focus on
12 driving safely as prom, graduation, and summer trip season greatly increase the
13 potential for traffic-related deaths and injuries involving young drivers; and

14 Whereas, the youth of this state are a vital asset we cannot afford to lose to
15 traffic accidents; and

