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2015 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 20

March 27, 2015 - Introduced by Senators L. TAYLOR, VINEHOUT, HARRIS DODD, COWLES, WIRCH, OLSEN and RISSER, cosponsored by Representatives JOHNSON, BARCA, BERCEAU, JORGENSEN, GOYKE, POPE, SINICKI, SPREITZER, ZAMARRIPA, SUBECK and C. TAYLOR. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** proclaiming September 2015 as Childhood Obesity Awareness Month.

2 Whereas, obesity has seen a dramatic increase in the United States from 1990
3 through 2010, and is a serious health risk that we need to take action against today;
4 and

5 Whereas, more than one-third of adults in the United States are obese, which
6 equals 78.6 million Americans; and

7 Whereas, in 2012, 29.7 percent of adults in Wisconsin were considered obese,
8 making us the 15th most obese state in the nation; and

9 Whereas, obesity-related conditions include heart disease, stroke, type 2
10 diabetes, and certain types of cancer, which are some of the leading causes of
11 preventable death; and

12 Whereas, not only are these conditions dangerous, they are also costly, with an
13 estimated annual medical cost of obesity in the United States of about \$147 billion
14 in 2008, and with the medical costs of those who are obese approximately \$1,429
15 higher than those of normal weight; and

