



2017 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 46

April 27, 2017 - Introduced by Senator DARLING. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** proclaiming May 5, 2017, as Cri du Chat Awareness Day in Wisconsin.

2 Whereas, each year in the United States alone, approximately 50 to 60 children
3 are born with 5P Minus Syndrome, also known as Cat Cry Syndrome or Cri du Chat
4 Syndrome; and

5 Whereas, some common characteristics of Cri du Chat Syndrome at birth are
6 a high pitched cry, low birth weight, poor muscle tone, microcephaly, and potential
7 medical complications; and

8 Whereas, "5p" is a term used by geneticists to describe a portion of chromosome
9 number five that is missing in these individuals; and

10 Whereas, children born with this rare genetic defect will most likely require
11 ongoing support from a team of therapists and medical and educational professionals
12 to help the child achieve his or her maximum potential; and

13 Whereas, the 5P Minus Society of North America, the national support group
14 for individuals with Cri du Chat Syndrome, along with support organizations from

1 around the world are proud to announce that May 1-7, 2017, will be designated as
2 International Cri du Chat Syndrome Awareness Week; and

3 Whereas, May 5, 2017, has been designated internationally as Cri du Chat
4 Syndrome Day; and

5 Whereas, the 5P Minus Society serves as a state and national resource to
6 provide comprehensive information and support for families, caregivers, providers,
7 and educators; and

8 Whereas, there are many individuals with Cri du Chat Syndrome living in
9 Wisconsin who are members of the 5p Minus Society and over 1,200 families in the
10 country; and

11 Whereas, the goals of Cri du Chat Awareness Week are to end the outdated
12 misinformation given to families when their child receives a diagnosis and to raise
13 awareness for Cri du Chat Syndrome on a large scale; and

14 Whereas, the 5 P Minus Society's annual national conference is being held this
15 year in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on August 3-6, 2017; now, therefore, be it

16 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the members of the
17 Wisconsin legislature hereby recognize May 5, 2017, as Cri du Chat Awareness Day
18 in Wisconsin; and, be it further

19 ***Resolved, That*** the senate chief clerk shall provide a copy of this resolution to
20 the 5P Minus Society.

21 (END)