2021 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 57

July 21, 2021 – Introduced by Senators CARPENTER, AGARD, ROYS, JOHNSON, RINGHAND, SMITH, L. TAYLOR and LARSON, cosponsored by Representatives SPREITZER, NEUBAUER, CABRERA, SNODGRASS, BROSTOFF, CONLEY, CONSIDINE, EMERSON, GOYKE, HEBL, HESSELBEIN, HONG, MOORE OMOKUNDE, OHNSTAD, RIEMER, S. RODRIGUEZ, SHANKLAND, SHELTON, SUBECK, VINING and POPE. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

1 **Relating to:** proclaiming November 20, 2021, as Wisconsin's Transgender Day of

2   Remembrance.

3   Whereas, Transgender Day of Remembrance, which occurs annually on

4 November 20, is a day to memorialize those who have been murdered as a result of

5 transphobia and to bring attention to the continued violence endured by the

6 transgender and nonbinary community; and

7   Whereas, Transgender Day of Remembrance was founded in 1999 by

8 Gwendolyn Ann Smith, a transgender woman, to memorialize the murder of

9 transgender woman Rita Hester in Allston, Massachusetts; and

10   Whereas, since its inception, Transgender Day of Remembrance has evolved

11 into an international day of action; and

12   Whereas, the American Medical Association recognizes the violence that

13 transgender and nonbinary people face in our society as an epidemic; and

14   Whereas, transgender Americans face discrimination and violence at

15 unacceptable rates, and in 2020, the Human Rights Campaign received a record

1   number of reports of fatal incidents against transgender and nonbinary people, with

2   at least 44 lives taken; and

3   Whereas, in the first six months of 2021, 29 transgender or nonbinary people

4   have been reported killed; and

5   Whereas, the American value of self–determination is under attack when a

6   transgender person is murdered in a crime of hate; now, therefore, be it

7   ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the Wisconsin

8   Legislature does hereby recognize and proclaim November 20, 2021, to be

9   Wisconsin's Transgender Day of Remembrance.

10   **(END)**