



2023 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 62

July 17, 2023 - Introduced by Representatives OLDENBURG, BALDEH, JOERS, O'CONNOR, OHNSTAD, SHANKLAND, STUBBS, SUBECK and TRANEL, cosponsored by Senators PFAFF, CARPENTER, COWLES and ROYS. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** proclaiming June 17, 2023, Prairie du Chien Day.

2 Whereas, 350 years ago, Father Jacques Marquette and Louis Joliet set out
3 from Michigan to explore the waterways from the Great Lakes to the Mississippi
4 River; and

5 Whereas, Father Marquette was a French-born Jesuit missionary and Joliet
6 was a fur trader and mapmaker; and

7 Whereas, in 1673, Father Marquette and Joliet led an expedition to map the
8 land and waterways in this region of America for the French; and

9 Whereas, Native Americans had lived in the area and traveled these waterways
10 for thousands of years prior to Father Marquette and Joliet, and helped them
11 navigate on their expedition; and

12 Whereas, Father Marquette and Joliet arrived in Prairie du Chien on June 17,
13 1673, where they entered the Mississippi River and traveled south for hundreds of
14 miles; and

