



2003 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 33

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1 **Relating to:** proclaiming October 15, 2003, as Pregnancy and Infant Loss
2 Remembrance Day.

3 Whereas, according to a 1996 study by the Center for Disease Control, 16% of
4 6,000,000-plus pregnancies ended in either a miscarriage or a stillbirth, which is
5 almost one million perinatal losses; and, of those 6,000,000-plus pregnancies, 62%
6 (3,720,000) ended in live births, and 26,784 of those births ended in infant deaths
7 from 11 months old and younger; and

8 Whereas, the availability of information and support is of the utmost
9 importance to families who suffer from pregnancy and infant loss to better help them
10 cope; and

11 Whereas, a public that is informed and educated about pregnancy and infant
12 loss can better learn how to respond with compassion to affected families; and

13 Whereas, professionals who come in contact with families who have suffered
14 pregnancy or infant loss, such as physicians, clergy, emergency medical technicians,
15 funeral directors, police officers, public health nurses, and employers, can better

1 serve families if they have special training and better knowledge of pregnancy and
2 infant loss; and

3 Whereas, a Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day is set aside to
4 remember all of the pregnancies and infants lost, in order to heal and be comforted
5 in a time of pain and heartache and to have hope for the future; now, therefore, be
6 it

7 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the Wisconsin
8 legislature proclaims October 15, 2003, as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance
9 Day.

10 (END)