

# State of Wisconsin



2009 Assembly Joint Resolution 71

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## ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

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**Relating to:** the H1N1 virus and its impact on Wisconsin.

Whereas, 2009 Pandemic H1N1 influenza, the illness commonly referred to as "Swine Flu," is a combination of human and animal strains of the influenza virus; and

Whereas, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), human beings cannot contract H1N1 influenza from eating pork products; and

Whereas, eating properly handled and cooked pork products is safe; and

Whereas, the 2009 H1N1 influenza virus is a human influenza virus that is spread from human to human; and

Whereas, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the World Health Organization have both pledged to cease using the term "Swine Flu"; and

Whereas, pork production is a major component of Wisconsin's economic health, with an economic footprint of \$200 million dollars annually; and

Whereas, continued use of the term "Swine Flu" is damaging to both Wisconsin's pork industry, as well as to the state as a whole; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That** the members of the Wisconsin state legislature hereby urge all state agencies, their representatives, and all private media outlets to cease using the term "Swine Flu" and further urge them to use the term "2009 H1N1 Influenza" in its place.

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Senator Fred A. Risser  
President of the Senate

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Representative Michael J. Sheridan  
Speaker of the Assembly

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Date

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Patrick E. Fuller  
Assembly Chief Clerk