



2011 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 69

1 **Relating to:** declaring October 2011 as Co-op Month.

2 Whereas, cooperatives are independent, member-owned and controlled
3 businesses, organized to process and market products and goods for their members;
4 and

5 Whereas, cooperatives serve many needs, including credit and financial
6 services, health care, child care, housing, insurance, and legal and professional
7 services; and

8 Whereas, cooperatives sell food, farm supplies, hardware, and recreational
9 equipment, and provide electricity, telephone, and Internet services; and

10 Whereas, today approximately 2.7 million Wisconsinites depend on
11 approximately 650 cooperatives to provide these needed goods and services; and

12 Whereas, cooperatives help grow Wisconsin's economy, supporting nearly
13 30,000 full-time jobs for Wisconsin residents and recording about \$8.6 billion in
14 gross sales each year; and

