



## 2011 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 34

May 3, 2011 - Introduced by Representatives JACQUE, BERNIER, BIES, BROOKS, ENDSLEY, FARROW, KAPENGA, KERKMAN, KESTELL, KLEEFISCH, KNILANS, KNUDSON, KOOYENGA, KRUG, T. LARSON, LEMAHIEU, LITJENS, MOLEPSKE JR, NASS, NYGREN, A. OTT, PRIDEMORE, RIVARD, SEVERSON, SPANBAUER, STEINEKE, STRACHOTA, THIESFELDT, TRANEL, VAN ROY, VOS, WEININGER, WYNN, ZIEGELBAUER and HONADEL, cosponsored by Senators KAPANKE, GROTHMAN, DARLING, KEDZIE, LASEE, LAZICH, MOULTON, OLSEN, TAYLOR and WANGGAARD. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1     **Relating to:** honoring pregnancy care centers and proclaiming October 2011 as  
2             Pregnancy Care Month.

3             Whereas, the tremendous, life-affirming impact of pregnancy care centers on  
4     the women, men, and children they serve provides an outstanding benefit to  
5     communities throughout Wisconsin; and

6             Whereas, pregnancy care centers serve women in Wisconsin and across the  
7     United States with integrity, dignity, and compassion; and

8             Whereas, more than 2,500 pregnancy care centers across the United States  
9     provide comprehensive care to women and men facing unplanned pregnancies,  
10    including resources to meet their physical, psychological, emotional, and spiritual  
11    needs; and

12            Whereas, pregnancy care centers offer women free, confidential, and  
13    compassionate services, including pregnancy tests, peer counseling, 24-hour  
14    telephone hotlines, childbirth and parenting classes, and referrals to community,  
15    health care, and other support services; and

1           Whereas, many medical pregnancy care centers offer ultrasounds and other  
2 medical services at no cost to those they serve; and

3           Whereas, many pregnancy care centers provide valuable information on  
4 adoption and adoption referrals for pregnant women; and

5           Whereas, pregnancy care centers encourage women to make positive life  
6 choices by equipping them with complete and accurate information regarding their  
7 pregnancy options and the development of their unborn children; and

8           Whereas, pregnancy care centers provide women with compassionate and  
9 confidential peer counseling in a nonjudgmental manner regardless of their  
10 pregnancy outcomes; and

11           Whereas, pregnancy care centers provide important support and resources for  
12 women who choose childbirth over abortion; and

13           Whereas, pregnancy care centers ensure that women are receiving prenatal  
14 information and services that lead to the birth of healthy infants; and

15           Whereas, many pregnancy care centers provide grief assistance for women and  
16 men who regret the loss of their children from past choices they have made; and

17           Whereas, pregnancy care centers operate primarily through reliance on the  
18 voluntary donations and time of individuals who are committed to caring for the  
19 needs of women and promoting and protecting life; now, therefore, be it

20           ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the members of the  
21 Wisconsin legislature strongly support pregnancy care centers in their unique,  
22 positive contributions to the individual lives of women, men, and babies—both born  
23 and unborn; and, be it further

