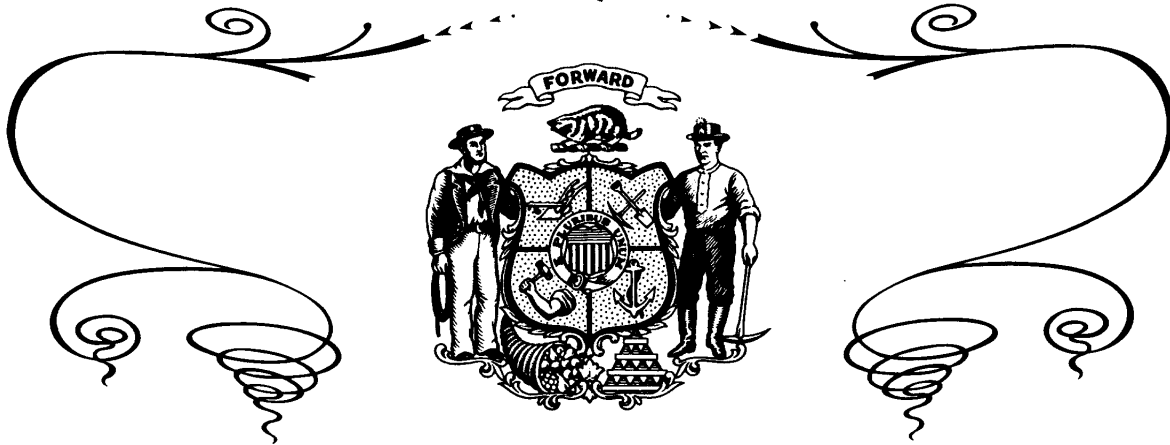


State of Wisconsin



2009 Assembly Joint Resolution 41

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to: declaring June as Scoliosis Awareness Month.

Whereas, we must work to increase public awareness about scoliosis, which is an abnormal curvature of the spine that affects an estimated six million people in the United States; and

Whereas, the effects of scoliosis, which can include prolonged periods of pain, limited activity and mobility, and reduced respiratory function can have a profound impact on a person's quality of life; and

Whereas, the average onset for scoliosis is ten to fifteen years of age, and although a cure for scoliosis has yet to be found, early detection through screening programs, treatment methods, pain management, or patient care may help to alleviate its worst effects; and

Whereas, every child, regardless of race, creed, or socio-economic status, deserves equal opportunity for early detection of scoliosis and the least invasive, least costly, and most effective treatment options possible; and

Whereas, we must continue to work to find the cause, new methods of prevention, and ultimately, the cure for scoliosis in order to eliminate the confusion that families have about the best course of treatment; and

Whereas, as we observe national Scoliosis Awareness Month in June, we renew our commitment to raising awareness of its serious impact in the hopes that one day our efforts will ultimately reduce its physical, emotional, and financial burdens; now therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the members of the Wisconsin legislature declare the month of June to be Scoliosis Awareness Month.

Senator Fred A. Risser
President of the Senate

Representative Michael J. Sheridan
Speaker of the Assembly

Date

Patrick E. Fuller
Assembly Chief Clerk