

2009 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 42

April 14, 2009 – Introduced by Representatives Molepske Jr., Hebl, Pasch, Bernard Schaber, Pope-Roberts, Benedict, Seidel, Berceau, Turner, Strachota, Townsend, A. Williams, A. Ott, Steinbrink, Clark, Jorgensen and Gunderson, cosponsored by Senators Lassa, Hopper, Risser, Lehman, Olsen, Cowles and Erpenbach. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1	Relating to: recognizing April 8 as Wellness Day in Wisconsin.
2	Whereas, the governor of the state of Wisconsin and the National Wellness
3	Institute have joined forces to promote the importance of wellness; and
4	Whereas, Wisconsin is recognized as the birthplace of the Wellness Concept and
5	the Mecca of Wellness, and has disseminated that concept across the country and
6	around the world; and
7	Whereas, the federal Department of Health and Human Services sees the
8	vision of "Healthy People in Healthy Communities" as an achievable goal across the
9	country; and
10	Whereas, obesity, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, heart disease, tobacco
11	use and abuse, mental health disorders, personal injury and violence, unintended
12	pregnancies, and sexually transmitted diseases continue to escalate health
13	insurance costs; and can all be affected by individuals making healthy lifestyle
14	choices; and

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1	Whereas, medical experts agree that by focusing attention on preventing rather
2	than treating chronic disease it is possible to extend years of healthy life as well as
3	decrease population health disparities; and
4	Whereas, the state of Wisconsin, through education and assisting people to
5	make positive health choices will economically benefit from activities that decrease
6	dependence on health care facilities and services; and
7	Whereas, the Board on Aging and Long-Term Care, the Department of Health
8	Services, the Wisconsin Public Health Council, the Wisconsin Women's Council and
9	other Wisconsin agencies and task forces are committed to improving the quality of
10	the lives of the citizens of Wisconsin; and
11	Whereas, a Wellness Day will encourage school systems, corporations,
12	communities, and individuals to begin a program of wellness; now, therefore, be it
13	Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the members of the
14	Wisconsin legislature declare Wednesday April 8, 2009, as "Wellness Day" in
15	Wisconsin.
16	(END)

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