



## 2009 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 44

April 17, 2009 – Introduced by Representatives HUBLER, ZIEGELBAUER, MOLEPSKE JR., PASCH, SOLETSKI, BIES, SINICKI, POPE-ROBERTS, JORGENSEN and TOWNSEND, cosponsored by Senators LEHMAN, TAYLOR and PLALE. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1     **Relating to:** declaring May 3 to May 9, 2009, to be Vasculitis Awareness Week.

2             Whereas, vasculitis is an inflammation of the blood vessels, also called angiitis,  
3     that causes changes in the walls of blood vessels, including thickening, weakening,  
4     narrowing, and scarring and the inflammation from these changes can be acute or  
5     chronic and can be so severe that the tissues and organs supplied by the affected  
6     vessels do not receive enough blood, which can result in organ and tissue damage and  
7     even death; and

8             Whereas, many types of vasculitis exist and, although rare, vasculitis can affect  
9     anyone; some age groups are affected more than others, depending on the type of  
10    vasculitis; and while some forms of vasculitis improve on their own, others require  
11    treatment to the extent that 100,000 Americans are hospitalized for vasculitis care  
12    each year; and

13            Whereas, diseases resulting from vasculitis include Wegener's  
14    Granulomatosis, Behcet's disease, Buerger's disease, Cryoglobulinemia, Giant Cell

1 Arteritis, Kawasaki disease, Microscopic Polyangiitis, Polyarteritis nodosa,  
2 Polymyalgia rheumatica, and other diseases; and

3 Whereas, the Vasculitis Foundation, with the help of grass roots support, works  
4 to support positive change in the lives of people who live with vasculitis and the  
5 foundation's members work in Washington, D.C., to educate Congress about  
6 vasculitis and the need to support research funding so that science can better  
7 understand the disease and identify advanced treatments and one day find a cure;  
8 now, therefore, be it

9 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the members of the  
10 Wisconsin legislature commend the efforts of the Vasculitis Foundation to make  
11 legislators and the public aware of vasculitis and the need for continued study of the  
12 ailment and declare the week of May 3 to May 9, 2009, to be Vasculitis Awareness  
13 Week; and

14 ***Be it further resolved, That*** the assembly chief clerk shall provide copies of  
15 this joint resolution to the Vasculitis Foundation and to Corey Dorrance of Rice Lake,  
16 Wisconsin.

17 (END)