



## 2011 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 81

December 2, 2011 – Introduced by Representatives E. COGGS, BERCEAU, TURNER and YOUNG. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1     **Relating to:** women’s reproductive rights.

2             Whereas, the basic right of all women to decide freely on issues of childbearing  
3     and sexual and reproductive health without threat of coercion, violence, or  
4     discrimination is a safeguard that must be protected; and

5             Whereas, women comprise fifty-two percent of the United States’ population  
6     but bear the sole responsibility for childbearing; and

7             Whereas, women who plan their pregnancies are more likely to seek prenatal  
8     care, improving their own health and the health of their children; and

9             Whereas, it is obvious that politics is a key arena for the fight to protect and  
10    expand reproductive rights for women both in Wisconsin and the nation, and merely  
11    electing more women or more “good” politicians is simply not enough to ensure this  
12    necessary commitment; and

13            Whereas, reproductive health is a component of overall health, throughout the  
14    life cycle, for both men and women; and

