



1997 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 21

February 3, 1997 – Introduced by Representatives HAHN, DOBYNS, MUSSEY, BLACK, SCHAFFER, OTT, KAUFERT, GOETSCH, JOHNSRUD, SERATTI, RYBA and HUBER, cosponsored by Senators SCHULTZ, MOEN and C. POTTER. Referred to Committee on State-Federal Relations.

1 **Relating to:** petitioning the U.S. Postal Service and the U.S. Congress to establish
2 a 1st class postage stamp entitled “Game Warden” to honor our nation’s
3 conservation wardens, past and present.

4 Whereas, conservation wardens were some of the earlier conservation officials
5 appointed in the states, territories and other governmental units in the United
6 States, and were empowered to enforce natural resource regulations and to protect
7 the natural resources of this great country; and

8 Whereas, since the beginning of this country, conservation wardens in the
9 United States have provided an invaluable service by protecting and conserving our
10 natural resources for all citizens, present and future; and

11 Whereas, in spite of limited authority and regulatory statutes, conservation
12 wardens of this nation have shown great courage and have sacrificed their health,
13 families and lives in the performance of their duties; and

14 Whereas, conservation wardens have conscientiously performed their duties
15 without always having safe, adequate equipment and without receiving pay

1 comparable to other persons who enforce our laws or protect our natural resources;
2 and

3 Whereas, in the face of ridicule, adversity and apathy, conservation wardens
4 have stood resolute against the uncontrolled use of our natural resources by
5 promoting conservation awareness in the United States; and

6 Whereas, conservation wardens showed the need for more scientific natural
7 resources management practices, more efficient state and federal protective
8 agencies and better regulation to protect the natural resources of our country and
9 have helped to bring about those things; and

10 Whereas, the position of conservation warden has been a proud profession
11 rather than just a job; and

12 Whereas, the state of Wisconsin, through its elected officials, has always
13 supported its conservation wardens; now, therefore, be it

14 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the members of the
15 Wisconsin legislature request the U.S. Postal Service to establish a 1st class postage
16 stamp entitled “Game Warden” that depicts a uniformed conservation warden to
17 honor past and present conservation wardens for their unfailing, conscientious
18 dedication to preserving the natural resources of this great country; and, be it further

19 ***Resolved, That*** the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint
20 resolution to Postmaster General Marvin Runyon and to each member of this state’s
21 congressional delegation.

22 (END)