



2009 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 71

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1 **Relating to:** the H1N1 virus and its impact on Wisconsin.

2 Whereas, 2009 Pandemic H1N1 influenza, the illness commonly referred to as
3 “Swine Flu,” is a combination of human and animal strains of the influenza virus;
4 and

5 Whereas, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
6 (CDC) and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), human beings cannot
7 contract H1N1 influenza from eating pork products; and

8 Whereas, eating properly handled and cooked pork products is safe; and

9 Whereas, the 2009 H1N1 influenza virus is a human influenza virus that is
10 spread from human to human; and

11 Whereas, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the World
12 Health Organization have both pledged to cease using the term “Swine Flu”; and

13 Whereas, pork production is a major component of Wisconsin’s economic health,
14 with an economic footprint of \$200 million dollars annually; and

