



2011 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 76

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1 **Relating to:** commending the Department of Natural Resources–Division of
2 Forestry and their emergency response personnel.

3 Whereas, Wisconsin’s north woods frequently experienced large wildfires in the
4 mid to late 1800’s, destroying half a million acres of forest land annually as a
5 consequence of extensive logging and settlers’ reliance on wood for fuel and heating
6 needs; and

7 Whereas, Wisconsin began enacting comprehensive forestry laws in 1903 to
8 protect the state’s forests and ensure the safety of settlers by establishing a state
9 board of forestry, starting a state forest system, hiring a forester, employing wardens,
10 building a tree nursery, and creating fire control programs; and

11 Whereas, Wisconsin quickly became a leader in forest protection and
12 management and fire response and control thus reducing the amount of forest
13 acreage lost each year to fire by using airplanes to fight local fires, installing the
14 largest state-wide telephone network at that time, and developing the Wisconsin fire
15 plow; and

