



State of Wisconsin
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2015 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 114

February 16, 2016 – Introduced by Representatives KULP and SPIROS, cosponsored by Senators MOULTON and PETROWSKI. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** commemorating the 100th anniversary of Marshfield Clinic and
2 declaring Thursday, October 13, 2016, as Marshfield Clinic Day in Wisconsin.

3 Whereas, in 1916, six physicians—K.W. Doege, M.D.; William Hipke, M.D.;
4 Victor Mason, M.D.; Walter G. Sexton, M.D.; H.H. Milbee, M.D.; and Roy P. Potter,
5 M.D.—who practiced in Marshfield joined in group practice and named the practice
6 after the community; and

7 Whereas, the founding focus of the Marshfield Clinic was patient care,
8 research, and education, and those founding principles continue to be the core
9 mission of the clinic today; and

10 Whereas, Marshfield Clinic is the largest private-group medical practice in
11 Wisconsin and one of the largest rural-group practices in the United States, with
12 more than 700 physicians representing over 80 different medical specialties and
13 subspecialties, from cardiology and neurology to oncology, more than 6,000
14 employees, and over 50 locations in northern, central, and western Wisconsin; and

1 Whereas, Marshfield Clinic is a not-for-profit organization that has provided
2 access to health care for those in need who do not have the ability to pay; and

3 Whereas, Marshfield Clinic has committed itself to providing care to patients
4 in rural Wisconsin and beyond; and

5 Whereas, Marshfield Clinic has nearly 4 million annual patient encounters and
6 350,000 annual unique patients in the clinic system; and

7 Whereas, in addition to Marshfield Clinic Health System, Marshfield Clinic
8 has expanded and formed entities in the organization that are beneficial to the
9 community and consistent with its mission of world-class patient care, research, and
10 education including:

11 • Marshfield Clinic Research Foundation, a research organization with six
12 research centers: National Farm Medicine Center, Clinical Epidemiology and
13 Population Health, Center for Human Genetics, Biomedical Informatics Research
14 Center, Clinical Research Center, and Institute for Oral and Systemic Health.

15 • Laird Center for Medical Research, a medical research and education
16 facility on the campus of Marshfield Clinic, named after former Congressman and
17 U.S. Secretary of Defense Melvin Laird.

18 • Lawton Center for Research and Education, dedicated to Dr. Ben Lawton,
19 a prominent thoracic surgeon at Marshfield Clinic who practiced until his death in
20 the 1980s and served as a president of the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents.

21 • Marshfield Clinic's Division of Education, which helps provide residency
22 programs for medical school graduates in a variety of medical disciplines.

23 • Marshfield Clinic Laboratories, a system of laboratories that employs more
24 than 450 people and performs more than 20 million tests annually. In addition to

1 human medicine, it has established separate service lines for forensic toxicology, food
2 safety, and veterinary diagnostics.

3 • Security Health Plan of Wisconsin, Inc., Marshfield Clinic Health System's
4 health maintenance organization, which began in 1971 as one of the earliest HMOs
5 in the country.

6 • Marshfield Food Safety, LLC, a food testing laboratory founded by the clinic
7 in 2002, which has grown to be a network of 12 laboratories providing services to
8 ensure safety of food and food production areas using pathogen/microbiological
9 detection, plus analysis of food chemistry including nutrition components,
10 proximates, elemental impurities, pesticide residues, drug residues, allergens, and
11 mycotoxins.

12 • Marshfield Clinic Information Systems, an information technology
13 company dedicated to delivering and managing cutting-edge products and services
14 for health care providers and a product of Marshfield Clinic's 50-year commitment
15 to the use of information technology to benefit patients and physicians in the pursuit
16 of excellent medical care; and

17 Whereas, Marshfield Clinic has demonstrated time and time again what it is
18 to be on the leading edge of patient care delivery and medical research, as
19 demonstrated by its early involvement in the use of computerized medical records,
20 creation of a provider-sponsored health plan, and success in the Physician Group
21 Practice Demonstration Project and as noted through international recognition and
22 numerous national awards; now, therefore, be it

23 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the legislature
24 hereby declares Thursday, October 13, 2016, as Marshfield Clinic Day in Wisconsin.

25 (END)