



State of Wisconsin  
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## 2017 ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 7

March 9, 2017 - Introduced by Representative RODRIGUEZ. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1     **Relating to:** proclaiming March 3, 2017, as Birth Defects Day in Wisconsin.

2             Whereas, World Birth Defects Day is observed annually on March 3; and

3             Whereas, birth defects are a leading cause of death in the first year of life,  
4 causing one in 5 infant deaths. These conditions lead to \$2.6 billion per year in  
5 hospital costs alone in the United States; and

6             Whereas, in Wisconsin, birth defects account for about 23.3 percent of all infant  
7 deaths every year; and

8             Whereas, birth defects can occur in any family regardless of race, ethnicity,  
9 health history, economic status, or level of education; and

10            Whereas, early identification of a child with a birth defect coupled with early  
11 intervention services typically improves the child's quality of life and may even save  
12 his or her life; and

13            Whereas, understanding the potential causes of birth defects can lead to  
14 recommendations, policies, and services to help prevent them; and

