



State of Wisconsin
2019 - 2020 LEGISLATURE

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2019 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 85

January 24, 2020 - Introduced by Senators PETROWSKI and BEWLEY, cosponsored by Representatives EDMING and B. MEYERS. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** proclaiming February 16 – 22, 2020, as American Birkebeiner Week in
2 Wisconsin.

3 Whereas, the American Birkebeiner, held in Hayward, WI each year, is North
4 America's largest cross-country ski race and contributes to the estimated \$30 million
5 in silent sports revenue generated in Sawyer and Bayfield Counties each year; and

6 Whereas, over 13,500 cross-country skiers and an estimated 35,000 spectators
7 gather in Hayward each February to celebrate and participate in the American
8 Birkebeiner Ski Foundation's annual Birkie Week of Nordic skiing festivities, which
9 includes events for all ages and abilities; and

10 Whereas, over 250,000 skiers have participated in American Birkebeiner Ski
11 Foundation races since 1973; and

12 Whereas, the American Birkebeiner is a uniquely American tradition and the
13 sole cross-country ski race representing the North American continent within the
14 Worldloppet Ski Federation; and

