

# State of Wisconsin



2023 Assembly Joint Resolution 106

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## ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

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**Relating to:** recognizing the importance of sturgeon to Wisconsin and designating the second Saturday of February in 2024 as State Sturgeon Spearing Day.

Whereas, Wisconsin is blessed with a robust sturgeon population, contributing significantly to our state's biodiversity and cultural heritage; and

Whereas, the cultural impact of sturgeon, including the practice of sturgeon spearing, holds deep historical and traditional value for the residents of Wisconsin; and

Whereas, the sale of sturgeon spearing tags and hook and line tags generate funds for sturgeon research, having a substantial positive effect around the country in terms of sturgeon conservation and longevity; and

Whereas, it is imperative to address potential threats to the sturgeon population while maintaining a balance between conservation efforts and cultural practices; and

Whereas, the Department of Natural Resources plays a crucial role in managing and preserving our state's wildlife resources; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That** the Wisconsin State Legislature acknowledges the significance of Wisconsin's strong sturgeon population and the cultural importance of sturgeon-related activities; and, be it further

**Resolved, That** the Wisconsin State Legislature does not support listing the lake sturgeon as endangered in Wisconsin or the Lake Winnebago region; and, be it further

**Resolved, That** the second Saturday of February in 2024 will be designated as State Sturgeon Spearing Day; and, be it further

**Resolved, That** the Wisconsin State Legislature requests the Department of Natural Resources continue to collaborate with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in implementing proactive measures to ensure the continued well-being of the sturgeon population; and, be it further

**Resolved, That** the Wisconsin State Legislature urges the Department of Natural Resources to work diligently towards maintaining the sturgeon's status outside the endangered species list in Wisconsin, fostering a balance that preserves both the natural environment and cultural traditions of Wisconsin.

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Senator Chris Kapenga  
President of the Senate

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Representative Robin J. Vos  
Speaker of the Assembly

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Edward A. Blazel  
Assembly Chief Clerk