



2007 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 11

January 30, 2007 – Introduced by Representatives ROTH, BIES, HAHN, HUEBSCH, JESKEWITZ, F. LASEE, LOTHIAN, MEYER, NASS, NERISON, NYGREN, OWENS, SCHNEIDER, STONE, TOWNSEND, VOS and M. WILLIAMS, cosponsored by Senators COWLES, DARLING, A. LASEE, LAZICH, LEIBHAM, PLALE, ROESSLER, SCHULTZ and WIRCH. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** the life and public service of President Gerald R. Ford.

2 Whereas, President Gerald R. Ford was born in Omaha, Nebraska, in 1913, and
3 he grew up in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where the midwestern values of honesty,
4 integrity, and hard work were instilled; and

5 Whereas, Gerald Ford starred on the University of Michigan football team,
6 served as a lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy during World War II, and
7 returned to Grand Rapids, where he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives
8 for 25 years; and

9 Whereas, Gerald Ford's road to the presidency was unprecedented: he was the
10 first vice president chosen under the Twenty-fifth Amendment and on August 9,
11 1974, was sworn in as the 38th President of the United States of America; and

12 Whereas, President Gerald Ford worked aggressively to heal a divided nation
13 and reminded all Americans that the United States must move forward; and

14 Whereas, President Gerald Ford acted to curb the trend toward government
15 intervention and spending as a means of solving the problems of American society

1 and the economy, fought to lower the devastating impact of inflation on American
2 families, and fought to revive the national economy through controlled government
3 spending; and

4 Whereas, President Gerald Ford rose to meet the challenge of a changing
5 international affairs by working to prevent a new war in the Middle East, providing
6 aid to both Israel and Egypt while persuading the two countries to accept an interim
7 truce agreement, continuing detente with the Soviet Union, and successfully
8 working with Soviet leader Leonid I. Brezhnev to set new limitations on nuclear
9 weapons; now, therefore, be it

10 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the legislature does
11 hereby announce July 14, 2007, as “Gerald Ford Day.”

12 (END)