



2019 ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 17

November 5, 2019 - Introduced by Representative Vos. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** recognizing the city of Burlington as the annual host of the Wisconsin
2 State Ice Carving Competition.

3 Whereas, Wisconsin attracts tourists with its changing seasons, and provides
4 opportunities for exploration of our great landscapes, countless festivals, and rich
5 state heritage; and

6 Whereas, one of the great festivals in our state, ChocolateFest, has taken place
7 in the city of Burlington since 1987 and has coined the city as Chocolate City, U.S.A.;
8 and

9 Whereas, ChocolateFest began more than 30 years ago and has been
10 successfully run solely by volunteers from its beginning. The community is the heart
11 of the city of Burlington, which makes it no surprise that the city, with citizens whose
12 way of life is defined by giving to others, would be chosen as the home of the
13 Wisconsin State Ice Carving Competition; and

14 Whereas, WinterFun, Inc. is the governing body of the U.S. National Snow
15 Sculpting Competition and in 2017, Executive Director Don Berg and Burlington

1 Mayor Jeannie Hefty met as the city was under consideration to annually host the
2 Wisconsin State Ice Carving Competition; and

3 Whereas, in January 2018, the city of Burlington was proclaimed the host for
4 the Wisconsin State Ice Carving Competition and in December 2018, it held this
5 annual event; and

6 Whereas, winter is a wonderful time of year in Wisconsin with outdoor
7 adventures to accommodate a wide array of individual interests. From “The
8 Snowmobile Capital of the World” in Eagle River, which is home to the International
9 Snowmobile Hall of Fame, to the Apostle Islands Sled Dog Race and the Ice Caves
10 in Bayfield, to the home of North America’s largest cross-country ski race, the
11 American Birkebeiner, in Hayward; Wisconsin is the place to enjoy all that winter
12 has to offer; and

13 Whereas, the Burlington Ice Festival is another hallmark Wisconsin winter
14 travel destination that delivers fun for all ages; now, therefore, be it

15 ***Resolved by the assembly, That*** the members of the Wisconsin State
16 Assembly do hereby recognize the city of Burlington as the annual host of the
17 Wisconsin State Ice Carving Competition and for the commitment the city has shown
18 in promoting this great Wisconsin winter event.

19 (END)