



## 1995 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 59

October 10, 1995 – Introduced by Representative DOBYNS, cosponsored by Senator BUETTNER. Referred to Committee on Small Business and Economic Development.

1     **Relating to:** encouraging the administration to develop a sister-state relationship  
2             with Belgorod.

3             Whereas, Belgorod is one of the former Soviet republics that is seeking to  
4     strengthen its own identity, to develop itself further and to establish international  
5     relationships; and

6             Whereas, Belgorod has several similarities to Wisconsin, such as an important  
7     dairy industry, a large production of grain crops and the hospitality of its people; and

8             Whereas, Belgorod and Wisconsin have begun to establish relationships, such  
9     as an exchange program between Marian College and 2 institutions of higher  
10    learning in Belgorod, an exchange of psychiatrists earlier this year and a series of  
11    visits; and

12            Whereas, Belgorod's leaders have made it clear that they wish to strengthen the  
13    relationship between their country and Wisconsin by establishing a sister-state  
14    relationship; and

15            Whereas, a sister-state relationship would benefit both Wisconsin and  
16    Belgorod by facilitating an exchange of information and ideas, by promoting travel

1 between the 2 regions and by increasing the number of exchange programs between  
2 them; now, therefore, be it

3 ***Resolved by the assembly, the Senate concurring, That*** the members of the  
4 Wisconsin legislature encourage the administration to establish a sister-state  
5 relationship between Wisconsin and Belgorod; and, be it further

6 ***Resolved, That*** the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint  
7 resolution to Dr. Yuri Seliverstov, the chairman of the Belgorod Regional Duma.

8 (END)