



1997 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 108

February 17, 1998 - Introduced by Representatives JOHNSRUD, WARD, DOBYNS, AINSWORTH, SYKORA, HASENOHRL, FREESE, JENSEN, MUSSER, GROTHMAN, SERATTI, HAHN, HANDRICK, KELSO, BOYLE, SCHAFFER, F. LASEE and SPILLNER, cosponsored by Senators FITZGERALD, DRZEWIECKI and WELCH. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

1 **Relating to:** commending the National Rifle Association for its development of the
2 Eddie Eagle Gun Safety Program and encouraging schools in Wisconsin to use
3 the Eddie Eagle Gun Safety Program.

4 Whereas, teaching children to act safely around firearms is a critical step in the
5 ongoing effort to reduce the number of firearm-related accidents among children;
6 and

7 Whereas, each year the National Rifle Association, with the assistance of more
8 than 25,000 firearms instructors certified by the National Rifle Association, trains
9 more than 750,000 persons in safe, responsible firearm ownership and use; and

10 Whereas, it is the belief of the Wisconsin legislature and of the National Rifle
11 Association that such training efforts are, to a major degree, responsible for a decline
12 in gun-related accidents among children aged 14 and younger; and

13 Whereas, the Eddie Eagle Gun Safety Program teaches the fundamentals of
14 firearms safety to children in an effective and enjoyable way, communicating to them

1 the following lifesaving message: "If you see a gun: STOP! DON'T TOUCH. LEAVE
2 THE AREA. TELL AN ADULT."; and

3 Whereas, the Eddie Eagle Gun Safety Program is a nationally recognized
4 firearms safety program that has reached over 6,000,000 children since 1988; and

5 Whereas, the Eddie Eagle Gun Safety Program was awarded the 1993
6 Outstanding Community Service Award by the National Safety Council; and

7 Whereas, the legislature wants to encourage civic activism and volunteerism
8 rather than impose new unfunded state mandates on local governments; and

9 Whereas, the legislature encourages the state superintendent of public
10 instruction to promote the use of the Eddie Eagle Gun Safety Program in our schools
11 to help prevent firearm-related accidents among children; and

12 Whereas, the legislature encourages civic and community service
13 organizations that are concerned about the safety and well-being of the children of
14 our state to provide funding for using the Eddie Eagle Gun Safety Program in our
15 schools; now, therefore, be it

16 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the members of the
17 Wisconsin legislature encourage the promotion and use of the National Rifle
18 Association's Eddie Eagle Gun Safety Program to help prevent firearms-related
19 accidents and commend the National Rifle Association for its diligence and service
20 in developing this program and making it available for use in our communities; and,
21 be it further

22 ***Resolved, That*** the assembly chief clerk shall provide copies of this joint
23 resolution to the state superintendent of public instruction.

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(END)