

## 2003 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 65

1     **Relating to:** focusing attention on healthy lifestyles in Wisconsin in 2004.

2             Whereas, a behavioral risk factor surveillance system study, as reported in the  
3     January 2004 edition of the Journal of Obesity Research, estimates that the annual  
4     medical expenses in Wisconsin attributable to obesity are \$1,486,000,000; and

5             Whereas, a 2004 weight status and physical activity report by the Department  
6     of Health and Family Services found that obesity and physical inactivity are leading  
7     causes of morbidity and mortality in Wisconsin and throughout the United States;  
8     and

9             Whereas, obesity causes almost as many deaths as, and costs more to treat,  
10     than smoking; and

11             Whereas, a 2000 national health and nutrition examination survey estimates  
12     that 64 percent of adults in the United States are overweight or obese; and

13             Whereas, about 22 percent of Wisconsin residents are obese and another 38  
14     percent are overweight; and

