

2003 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 65

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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

