

2003 SENATE RESOLUTION 17

September 23, 2003 – Introduced by Senators ROESSLER, SCHULTZ, COWLES, LAZICH, KANAVAS, LASSA and BRESKE. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** tuberous sclerosis.

2 Whereas, at least 2 children born each day will be affected with tuberous
3 sclerosis; and

4 Whereas, nearly 1,000,000 people worldwide are known to have tuberous
5 sclerosis; and

6 Whereas, tuberous sclerosis affects all races and ethnic groups equally; and

7 Whereas, tuberous sclerosis is caused by either an inherited autosomal
8 disorder or by a spontaneous mutation; and

9 Whereas, when tuberous sclerosis is genetically transmitted as an autosomal
10 dominant disorder, a child with a parent with the gene will have a 50% chance of
11 inheriting the disease; and

12 Whereas, two-thirds of the cases of tuberous sclerosis are believed to be a result
13 of spontaneous mutation, although the cause of such mutations is a mystery; and

14 Whereas, diagnosis takes an average of 90 days with consultation of at least 3
15 specialists; and

1 Whereas, tuberous sclerosis is the largest known genetic cause of epilepsy; and

2 Whereas, tuberous sclerosis is now the 2nd largest identifiable genetic cause
3 of autism; and

4 Whereas, tuberous sclerosis frequently goes undiagnosed because of the
5 obscurity of the disease and the mild form that the symptoms may take; and

6 Whereas, the Wisconsin senate as an institution and members of the Wisconsin
7 senate individually are in unique positions to help raise public awareness about the
8 need for increased funding for research, detection, and treatment of tuberous
9 sclerosis and to support the fight against tuberous sclerosis; now, therefore, be it

10 ***Resolved by the senate, That*** the members of the Wisconsin senate support
11 the taking of an active role by all Americans in the fight against tuberous sclerosis
12 by all means available, including early and complete clinical testing and
13 investigating family histories; and, be it further

14 ***Resolved, That*** the members of the Wisconsin senate recognize and applaud
15 the role played by national and community organizations and health care providers
16 in promoting awareness of the importance of early diagnosis, testing, and ongoing
17 screening for tuberous sclerosis; and, be it further

18 ***Resolved, That*** the members of the Wisconsin senate recognize that it is
19 necessary in Wisconsin to raise awareness about the importance of the early
20 detection of, and proper treatment for, tuberous sclerosis; and, be it further

21 ***Resolved, That*** the members of the Wisconsin senate acknowledge that
22 Wisconsinites as a state and Americans as a nation need to continue to consider ways
23 to improve access to, and the quality of, health care services for detecting and
24 treating tuberous sclerosis.

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