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1 **Relating to:** memorializing Congress to immediately and permanently prohibit any
2 state from imposing a tax on Internet access.

3 Whereas, the emergence of the Internet as a means of communication has
4 profoundly influenced our society and will pave the way for the global marketplace;
5 and

6 Whereas, Wisconsin is one of only 8 states that imposes a sales tax on Internet
7 access, thereby putting Wisconsin companies that conduct business over the Internet
8 at a competitive disadvantage; and

9 Whereas, the U.S. department of commerce has estimated that wealthy
10 Americans are 20 times more likely to have Internet access, while Hispanics and
11 African Americans are far less likely to have Internet access; and

12 Whereas, there is a growing “digital divide” between those citizens able to
13 access the technology of the new economy and those who cannot; and

14 Whereas, increased access to the Internet will create jobs and contribute to
15 economic development; and

