

2003 Assembly Bill 31

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## 2003 WISCONSIN ACT 56

AN ACT to create 895.225 of the statutes; relating to: designating Fire Prevention Week and Wisconsin Firefighters Memorial Day.

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

**SECTION 1.** 895.225 of the statutes is created to read:

**895.225 Fire Prevention Week.** (1) The week in October during which October 8 falls is designated Fire Prevention Week and the Saturday of the preceding week is designated Wisconsin Firefighters Memorial Day. In conjunction with the week, appropriate observances, ceremonies, exercises, and activities may be held under state auspices to do all of the following:

(a) Commemorate 2 of the most devastating fires in U.S. history, both of which started on October 8, 1871, the Peshtigo fire and the Chicago fire.

(b) Study fire safety tips to help avoid home fires.

(c) Recognize that well-trained, dedicated, and well-

equipped fire departments are important to all of the residents of this state.

(d) Recognize that thousands of state firefighters, both full-time and volunteer, dedicate themselves to protecting lives and property.

(e) Express the gratitude of the residents of this state for the valuable contributions that firefighters have made to the other residents of this state.

(f) Honor those contributions and memorialize the firefighters of this state who have died while performing their duties.

(2) The chief officials of local governments and the people of the state are invited either to join and participate in the observances, ceremonies, exercises, and activities under sub. (1) which may be held under state auspices or to conduct similar observances in their respective localities.

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\* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES 2001-02 : Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication as designated" by the secretary of state [the date of publication may not be more than 10 working days after the date of enactment].