



2003 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 26

March 21, 2003 – Introduced by Representative WASSERMAN, cosponsored by Senator ROBSON. Referred to Committee on Health.

1 **Relating to:** declaring March 10 to 16, 2003, Cover the Uninsured Week.

2 Whereas, 41 million Americans do not have health care coverage; and

3 Whereas, 8 out of 10 of the uninsured are in working families that cannot afford
4 health insurance and are not eligible for public programs; and

5 Whereas, the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services has
6 reported that in 2001, 11% of Wisconsin residents were uninsured, and nearly 17%
7 of Milwaukee residents were uninsured; and

8 Whereas, the uninsured live sicker and die younger when they go without the
9 health care they need; and

10 Whereas, a slow economy, higher unemployment, and rising health costs mean
11 that more Americans are becoming uninsured in our community; and

12 Whereas, it is important to recognize the urgency of seeking solutions to one of
13 America's greatest problems; now, therefore, be it

14 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the members of the
15 Wisconsin legislature declare the week of March 10 to 16, 2003, "Cover the

