



2005 SENATE RESOLUTION 19

May 1, 2006 – Introduced by Senators LASSA, ROESSLER and COGGS. Referred to Committee on Health, Children, Families, Aging and Long Term Care.

1 **Relating to:** encouraging public and private employers to establish and promote
2 healthful lifestyle programs and encouraging economic incentives to stimulate
3 the widespread adoption of such programs.

4 Whereas, unwise lifestyle choices are a significant cause of cancer, diabetes,
5 chronic lung disease, hypertension, heart disease, stroke, and accidental death and
6 injury and contribute to the morbidity and disability of numerous other chronic
7 diseases; and

8 Whereas, the combined national cost for the morbidity, mortality, and disability
9 of preventable obesity, smoking, substance abuse, and seat belt neglect exceeds
10 \$400,000,000 annually (25 percent of all health spending); and

11 Whereas, obesity alone has become epidemic in America and in Wisconsin,
12 having doubled in the past 20 years and now affecting 21 percent of the adult
13 population; and

14 Whereas, the cultural shift necessary to reverse these trends and inspire
15 healthful lifestyles will require the broad participation of social leaders,

1 communities, institutions, particularly schools, employers, health professionals,
2 and government; and

3 Whereas, the Institute of Medicine published its comprehensive report on the
4 quality of health care and recommends 6 visions of a transformed healthcare system,
5 including safe, effective, patient-centered, timely, efficient, and equitable care; and

6 Whereas, healthful lifestyle choices are implicit in Wisconsin’s health plan
7 “Healthiest Wisconsin 2010”; now, therefore, be it

8 ***Resolved by the senate, That*** the members of the Wisconsin senate encourage
9 all employers and employees to develop Healthy Lifestyles programs in their places
10 of work; and, be it further

11 ***Resolved, That*** the members of the Wisconsin senate encourage health care
12 providers in Wisconsin to endorse and adopt the 6 visions of a transformed
13 healthcare system developed by the Institute of Medicine; and, be it further

14 ***Resolved, That*** the members of the Wisconsin senate encourage Wisconsin’s
15 schools to examine their curricula and programming and modify them as necessary
16 to incorporate nutritional education, physical education, and healthful living into
17 the education of Wisconsin’s children; and, be it further

18 ***Resolved, That*** the members of the Wisconsin senate encourage economic
19 incentives to stimulate widespread adoption of such workplace programs; and, be it
20 further

21 ***Resolved, That*** the members of the Wisconsin senate further appeal to the
22 private sector to encourage Wisconsin’s communities, by all practical means, to
23 champion and facilitate healthful living for their citizens.

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