

State of Misconsin 2007 - 2008 LEGISLATURE

2007 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 9

1 **Relating to:** the 2016 Olympic Games being held in Chicago. 2 Whereas, the Olympic Games are a major international sports and cultural 3 festival that all citizens in the global community are invited to celebrate; and 4 Whereas, the city of Chicago, Illinois, has proposed hosting the summer 5 Olympic Games in 2016, and in July 2006 the United States Olympic Committee selected Chicago as one of two United States Candidate City finalists for the 2016 6 7 Games: and 8 Whereas, the goal of the Olympic Movement is to contribute to building a 9 peaceful and better world by educating youth through sport practiced without 10 discrimination of any kind and in the Olympic spirit, which requires mutual 11 understanding with a spirit of friendship, solidarity, and fair play; and 12 Whereas, the Chicago 2016 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games will use 13 sport as a catalyst to strengthen the Olympic Movement and showcase the city's 14 world class, accessible infrastructure, and enthusiastic multicultural community; 15 and

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1 Whereas, the Wisconsin legislature believes that the prospect of the city of 2 Chicago hosting the 2016 Olympic Games presents an incredible opportunity to 3 promote regional cooperation between Illinois, Wisconsin, and surrounding states; 4 and 5 Whereas, the state of Wisconsin would welcome Olympic athletes and visitors 6 to the state's beautiful rivers, lakes, state parks, and other attractions; and 7 Whereas, the Wisconsin legislature believes that the spirit, principles, and 8 ideals underlying the Olympic Games are beneficial to the citizens of this region, 9 athletic participants, their sponsoring countries, spectators, and observers around 10 the world; now, therefore, be it 11 **Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That** the members of the 12 Wisconsin legislature do hereby express support of the spirit, principles, and ideals 13 embodied in the Olympic Charter and the development of community exemplified in 14 the meeting of athletes from around the world at the Olympic Games; and 15 *Be it further resolved, That* the members of the Wisconsin legislature do fully 16 support the city of Chicago in its continuing efforts to host the 2016 Olympic Games. 17 (END)

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