

2007 SENATE RESOLUTION 6

May 14, 2007 – Introduced by Senator KREITLOW. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** reauthorization of the federal State Children’s Health Insurance
2 Program.

3 Whereas, the Wisconsin senate regards the health of our children to be of
4 paramount importance to families in our state; and

5 Whereas, the Wisconsin senate regards poor child health as a threat to the
6 educational achievement and social and psychological well-being of the children of
7 our state; and

8 Whereas, the Wisconsin senate considers protecting the health of our children
9 to be essential to the well-being of our youngest citizens and the quality of life in our
10 state; and

11 Whereas, the Wisconsin senate considers the State Children’s Health
12 Insurance Program (SCHIP), which enrolls 96,114 children and their parents
13 through the successful BadgerCare program, to be an integral part of the
14 arrangements for health benefits for the children of our state; and

1 Whereas, the Wisconsin senate recognizes the value of SCHIP in preserving
2 child wellness, preventing and treating childhood disease, improving health
3 outcomes, and reducing overall health costs; and

4 Whereas, the Wisconsin senate considers the federal funding available for
5 SCHIP to be indispensable to providing health benefits for children of modest means;
6 now, therefore, be it

7 ***Resolved by the senate, That*** the members of the Wisconsin senate urge the
8 members of Wisconsin's delegation to the United States Congress to ensure all of the
9 following:

10 (a) That the Congress timely reauthorizes SCHIP to assure federal funding for
11 SCHIP.

12 (b) That the federal funding be in the form of a sum sufficient for coverage by
13 all states of all of the following:

14 1. Uninsured and underinsured children in families whose annual household
15 income does not exceed 300 percent of the federal poverty line, as defined by the
16 federal department of labor under 42 USC 9902 (2).

17 2. Uninsured and underinsured parents and caregivers of children in families
18 whose annual household income does not exceed 200 percent.

19 (c) That the federal funding permit innovative state practices to provide
20 increased access to affordable health insurance for all low-income individuals; and,
21 be it further

22 ***Resolved, That*** the members of the Wisconsin senate urge the governor to use
23 his best efforts to work with the Wisconsin delegation to ensure that SCHIP is
24 reauthorized in a timely manner; and, be it further

