

State of Misconsin 2009 - 2010 LEGISLATURE

## **2009 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 41**

April 14, 2009 – Introduced by Representatives Molepske Jr., Hebl, Pasch, Pope-Roberts, Hintz, Benedict, Seidel, Berceau, Turner, Strachota, Townsend, A. Williams, A. Ott, Steinbrink, Jorgensen and Gunderson, cosponsored by Senators Lassa, Lehman, Olsen, Plale, Erpenbach and Hansen. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1	<b>Relating to:</b> declaring June as Scoliosis Awareness Month.
2	Whereas, we must work to increase public awareness about scoliosis, which is
3	an abnormal curvature of the spine that affects an estimated six million people in the
4	United States; and
5	Whereas, the effects of scoliosis, which can include prolonged periods of pain,
6	limited activity and mobility, and reduced respiratory function can have a profound
7	impact on a person's quality of life; and
8	Whereas, the average onset for scoliosis is ten to fifteen years of age, and
9	although a cure for scoliosis has yet to be found, early detection through screening
10	programs, treatment methods, pain management, or patient care may help to
11	alleviate its worst effects; and
12	Whereas, every child, regardless of race, creed, or socio-economic status,
13	deserves equal opportunity for early detection of scoliosis and the least invasive,
14	least costly, and most effective treatment options possible; and

1	Whereas, we must continue to work to the find the cause, new methods of
2	prevention, and ultimately, the cure for scoliosis in order to eliminate the confusion
3	that families have about the best course of treatment; and
4	Whereas, as we observe national Scoliosis Awareness Month in June, we renew
5	our commitment to raising awareness of its serious impact in the hopes that one day
6	our efforts will ultimately reduce its physical, emotional, and financial burdens; now
7	therefore, be it
8	<b>Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That</b> the members of the
9	Wisconsin legislature declare the month of June to be Scoliosis Awareness Month.

(END)

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