



2009 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 76

September 25, 2009 – Introduced by Representatives BARCA, POPE-ROBERTS, PASCH, BERCEAU, ROYS, HILGENBERG, CLARK, JORGENSEN, SINICKI, TURNER, VOS, POCAN, TOLES, ZEPNICK and BALLWEG, cosponsored by Senators JAUCH, MILLER, HOLPERIN, HANSEN, SCHULTZ, RISSER and DARLING. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** the second anniversary of WisconsinEye's commencement of broadcast
2 operations.

3 Whereas, the WisconsinEye network was initiated through joint legislative
4 study and leadership, incorporated as a private, nonprofit organization and now,
5 under a seven-year contract with the Wisconsin legislature, serves as a
6 public-private partnership dedicated to enhancing civic life and citizen access to the
7 critical workings of state government; and

8 Whereas, the WisconsinEye network offers gavel-to-gavel coverage of all
9 senate and assembly floor sessions, many legislative committee meetings, all
10 supreme court oral arguments and executive branch events through 70 digital
11 camera locations inside the state capitol as well as high-quality public affairs and
12 educational programming from events statewide; and

13 Whereas, the WisconsinEye network during its start-up period provided this
14 award-winning digital content in the form of 40 hours of new, first-run
15 programming weekly streamed live via the Web and broadcast through Charter

1 Cable Channel 995, Time Warner Cable Channel 163, and Wisconsin's BadgerNet
2 Converged Network; and

3 Whereas, the WisconsinEye network is the only state network that receives no
4 direct or indirect state funding and earns its support from a bipartisan donor
5 community including private foundations, commercial distributors, corporations,
6 groups, associations, and individuals to ensure its editorial independence; and

7 Whereas, the WisconsinEye network has entered its third full year of broadcast
8 operations and is celebrating groundbreaking coverage of the 2009–2011 state
9 budget process that marks the first time a complete and verbatim record of the
10 proceedings has ever been available to the public; now, therefore, be it

11 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the members of the
12 Wisconsin legislature commend WisconsinEye, its esteemed board of directors, and
13 its dedicated staff for their devoted efforts to promote and sustain greater citizen
14 engagement in public life; and

15 ***Be it further resolved, That*** the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of
16 this joint resolution to WisconsinEye President and Chief Executive Chris Long and
17 WisconsinEye Board Members Margaret Farrow, Tim Cullen, Diane Hendricks,
18 John Laabs, Michael Ley, Jim Riordan, David Sanks, and Dick Vander Woude.

19 (END)