



## 2009 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 111

1       **Relating to:** declaring May 29, 2010, as Wisconsin Canoe Heritage Day.

2               Whereas, Wisconsin boasts thousands of miles of streams and rivers and  
3 thousands of acres of lakes that are available to canoe enthusiasts; and

4               Whereas, canoes were employed by the Native American inhabitants of  
5 Wisconsin and by the explorers and trappers that came after, including by Father  
6 Jacques Marquette and fur trader Louis Joliet, who crossed Wisconsin in the  
7 summer of 1673 in two canoes paddled by five coureurs de bois; and

8               Whereas, Presidents Coolidge, Cleveland, Hoover, and Eisenhower fished  
9 Wisconsin's Brule River from canoes; and

10              Whereas, Wisconsin has a distinguished history in the industrial manufacture  
11 of canoes and a proud tradition of canoe restoration and canoe building by private  
12 craftsmen that has contributed to the evolution of traditional canoe design; and

13              Whereas, canoes continue to be employed by recreational boaters, hunters, and  
14 fishers to the present day, and canoeing provides a healthy recreational outlet for  
15 many Wisconsin residents and visitors; and

1           Whereas, the Wisconsin Canoe Heritage Museum will open in Spooner,  
2 Wisconsin, on May 29, 2010, to preserve the heritage of fine canoe craft; now,  
3 therefore, be it

4           ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the members of the  
5 Wisconsin legislature express appreciation for fine canoes and canoe builders past  
6 and present and declare May 29, 2010, to be Wisconsin Canoe Heritage Day; and, be  
7 it further

8           ***Resolved, That*** the assembly chief clerk shall provide copies of this joint  
9 resolution to the Wisconsin Canoe Heritage Museum in Spooner, Wisconsin.

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**(END)**