



2011 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 26

May 6, 2011 – Introduced by Senators LAZICH, OLSEN, MILLER, RISSER, LASSA, DARLING, KEDZIE, TAYLOR and HOLPERIN, cosponsored by Representatives KERKMAN, ZIEGELBAUER, JACQUE, SPANBAUER, STRACHOTA, BROOKS, HEBL, BERNIER, TRANEL, SEIDEL, WILLIAMS, JORGENSEN, ENDSLEY, KAUFERT, BALLWEG, THIESFELDT and STEINEKE. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** honoring municipal clerks and declaring May 1 through 7, 2011, as
2 Municipal Clerks Week.

3 Whereas, the Office of the Municipal Clerk, a time-honored and vital part of
4 local government that exists throughout the world as the oldest profession among
5 public servants; and

6 Whereas, the municipal clerk provides the professional connection between the
7 citizens, the local governing bodies, and the agencies of government at the local,
8 county, and state levels; and

9 Whereas, municipal clerks have pledged to be ever mindful of their neutrality
10 and impartiality, rendering equal service to all residents through transparency and
11 accountable government practices; and

12 Whereas, the municipal clerk processes and distributes all agendas and actions
13 of his or her governing body and serves as the official record keeper for the
14 municipality; and

1 Whereas, the municipal clerk also issues licenses and permits, facilitates the
2 annual Board of Review and Municipal Redistricting Project, attends various
3 meetings of the municipality, and serves as a resource center on functions of the local
4 government and the community; and

5 Whereas, on the local level, the municipal clerk is the key element in election
6 administration; and

7 Whereas, the municipal clerk is dedicated to providing fair, un-biased,
8 nonpartisan, accurate, and responsible elections in Wisconsin; and

9 Whereas, municipal clerks continually strive to improve the administration of
10 the responsibilities of the office of the municipal clerk through participation in
11 education programs, seminars, workshops, focus groups, and annual conferences
12 sponsored by the Wisconsin Municipal Clerks Association, the International
13 Institute of Municipal Clerks, the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, as well as the
14 Government Accountability Board and other state agencies; and

15 Whereas, it is most appropriate that we recognize the accomplishments,
16 dedication, and commitment of municipal clerks and extend appreciation to
17 municipal clerks across the state of Wisconsin, for the vital services they perform and
18 their exemplary dedication to the communities they represent; now, therefore, be it

19 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the members of the
20 Wisconsin legislature recognize May 1 through May 7, 2011, as Municipal Clerks
21 Week; and, be it further

22 ***Resolved, That*** the senate chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint
23 resolution to the Wisconsin Municipal Clerks Association.

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