



2011 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 28

May 6, 2011 – Introduced by Senators KAPANKE, TAYLOR, GROTHMAN, DARLING, KEDZIE, LASEE, LAZICH, MOULTON, OLSEN and WANGGAARD, cosponsored by Representatives JACQUE, ZIEGELBAUER, NASS, LITJENS, LEMAHIEU, BERNIER, BIES, BROOKS, ENDSLEY, FARROW, KAPENGA, KERKMAN, KESTELL, KLEEFISCH, KNILANS, KNUDSON, KOOYENGA, KRUG, T. LARSON, MOLEPSKE JR, NYGREN, A. OTT, PRIDEMORE, RIVARD, SEVERSON, STEINEKE, SPANBAUER, STRACHOTA, THIESFELDT, TRANEL, VAN ROY, VOS, WYNN and WEININGER. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** honoring pregnancy care centers and proclaiming October 2011 as
2 Pregnancy Care Month.

3 Whereas, the tremendous, life-affirming impact of pregnancy care centers on
4 the women, men, and children they serve provides an outstanding benefit to
5 communities throughout Wisconsin; and

6 Whereas, pregnancy care centers serve women in Wisconsin and across the
7 United States with integrity, dignity, and compassion; and

8 Whereas, more than 2,500 pregnancy care centers across the United States
9 provide comprehensive care to women and men facing unplanned pregnancies,
10 including resources to meet their physical, psychological, emotional, and spiritual
11 needs; and

12 Whereas, pregnancy care centers offer women free, confidential, and
13 compassionate services, including pregnancy tests, peer counseling, 24-hour
14 telephone hotlines, childbirth and parenting classes, and referrals to community,
15 health care, and other support services; and

1 Whereas, many medical pregnancy care centers offer ultrasounds and other
2 medical services at no cost to those they serve; and

3 Whereas, many pregnancy care centers provide valuable information on
4 adoption and adoption referrals for pregnant women; and

5 Whereas, pregnancy care centers encourage women to make positive life
6 choices by equipping them with complete and accurate information regarding their
7 pregnancy options and the development of their unborn children; and

8 Whereas, pregnancy care centers provide women with compassionate and
9 confidential peer counseling in a nonjudgmental manner regardless of their
10 pregnancy outcomes; and

11 Whereas, pregnancy care centers provide important support and resources for
12 women who choose childbirth over abortion; and

13 Whereas, pregnancy care centers ensure that women are receiving prenatal
14 information and services that lead to the birth of healthy infants; and

15 Whereas, many pregnancy care centers provide grief assistance for women and
16 men who regret the loss of their children from past choices they have made; and

17 Whereas, pregnancy care centers operate primarily through reliance on the
18 voluntary donations and time of individuals who are committed to caring for the
19 needs of women and promoting and protecting life; now, therefore, be it

20 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the members of the
21 Wisconsin legislature strongly support pregnancy care centers in their unique,
22 positive contributions to the individual lives of women, men, and babies—both born
23 and unborn; and, be it further

1 **Resolved, That** the Wisconsin legislature commends the compassionate work
2 of tens of thousands of volunteers and paid staff at pregnancy care centers in
3 Wisconsin and across the United States; and, be it further

4 **Resolved, That** the Wisconsin legislature disapproves of the actions of any
5 national, state, or local groups attempting to prevent pregnancy care centers from
6 effectively serving women and men facing unplanned pregnancies; and, be it further

7 **Resolved, That** the members of the Wisconsin legislature proclaim October
8 2011 as Pregnancy Care Month in the state of Wisconsin, and commend this
9 observance to all citizens.

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