



## 2011 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 47

October 25, 2011 – Introduced by Senators LASSA, SHILLING, VINEHOUT, C. LARSON, OLSEN, MILLER, RISSER, WIRCH, SCHULTZ and TAYLOR, cosponsored by Representatives KESTELL, VRUWINK, MOLEPSKE JR, BEWLEY, JORGENSEN, PASCH, ROYS, RADCLIFFE, DANOU, SPANBAUER, SINICKI, BERCEAU, C. TAYLOR, HEBL, BALLWEG and A. OTT. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1     **Relating to:** proclaiming October 2011 as Farm to School Month.

2             Whereas, in 2010, Wisconsin passed legislation that included a state Farm to  
3     School grant program to be promoted by the Department of Agriculture, Trade and  
4     Consumer Protection; and

5             Whereas, Farm to School programs link schools and local farms in order to  
6     provide schools with nutritious foods for their meals and snacks that help children  
7     develop healthful eating habits; and

8             Whereas, children eat 20 percent more fruit and vegetables if they are in a Farm  
9     to School program, and programs teaching children about healthful eating habits  
10    and about agriculture and nutrition encourage children to develop other health  
11    habits that decrease childhood obesity; and

12            Whereas, Farm to School programs save Wisconsin schools money due to less  
13    fluctuation in local farm prices, increased participation in the meal program in which  
14    farm-fresh is served, and reduced costs when schools use less costly local produce  
15    instead of processed foods schools might otherwise use; and

