
Relating to: recognizing 2011 as World Veterinary Year.

Whereas, the world’s first veterinary school was founded in Lyon, France, in 1761; and

Whereas, 2011 will mark the 250th anniversary of the founding of the veterinary medical profession; and

Whereas, veterinarians have played an integral role in discovering the causes of numerous diseases that affect our nation’s citizens such as salmonellosis, West Nile infection, yellow fever, and malaria; and

Whereas, veterinarians provide valuable public health service through preventive medicine, control of zoonotic diseases, and scientific research; and

Whereas, veterinarians have advanced human and animal health by inventing and refining techniques and instrumentations, such as artificial hips, bone plates, splints, and arthroscopy; and
Whereas, veterinarians protect the quality and security of the global food
supply and provide crucial assistance to the agricultural independence of developing
nations around the world; and

Whereas, the 2011 legislature appreciates the importance of veterinarians in
Wisconsin, and the importance of the veterinary profession on its 250th anniversary;
and

Whereas, Wisconsin veterinarians are dedicated to preserving the
human–animal bond and promoting the highest standards of science–based, ethical
animal welfare; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the legislature
hereby recognizes 2011 as World Veterinary Year; and, be it further

Resolved, That the senate chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint
resolution to the Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association.

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