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.

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

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

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

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

Whereas, the municipal clerk processes and distributes all agendas and actions of his or her governing body and serves as the official record keeper for the municipality; and
Whereas, the municipal clerk also issues licenses and permits, facilitates the annual Board of Review and Municipal Redistricting Project, attends various meetings of the municipality, and serves as a resource center on functions of the local government and the community; and

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

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

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

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

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

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