



## 2019 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 6

1       **Relating to:** recognizing March 1, 2019, as National Speech and Debate Education  
2           Day in Wisconsin.

3           Whereas, National Speech and Debate Education Day is being celebrated on  
4       March 1, 2019; and

5           Whereas, established by the National Speech & Debate Association, in  
6       conjunction with local partners such as the Wisconsin High School Forensic  
7       Association, this event promotes better instruction in speech and debate across all  
8       grade levels and highlights the pivotal roles these abilities play in personal advocacy,  
9       social movements, and public policy making; and

10          Whereas, Wisconsin played a key role in the heritage of speech and debate  
11       activities, with the founding of secondary and post-secondary national  
12       organizations in Ripon, and the nation's oldest continuously operating secondary  
13       school speech and debate organization, the Wisconsin High School Forensic  
14       Association; and

1           Whereas, speech and debate education helps students develop skills in  
2 communication, critical thinking, creativity, and collaboration through the practice  
3 of public speaking; participants learn not only to analyze and express complex ideas  
4 effectively but also to listen, concur, question, or dissent with reason and compassion;  
5 and

6           Whereas, countless educators devote evening and weekend time to speech and  
7 debate practices and competitions, and their model of hard work and dedication has  
8 lasting, positive impact on their students; and

9           Whereas, skills learned through speech and debate serve students well  
10 throughout their lives, and this occasion presents a welcome opportunity to  
11 recognize such instruction as an essential component of a well-rounded curriculum;  
12 now, therefore, be it

13           ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the members of the  
14 Wisconsin legislature hereby recognize March 1, 2019, as National Speech and  
15 Debate Education Day in Wisconsin; and, be it further

16           ***Resolved, That*** the senate chief clerk shall provide a copy of this resolution to  
17 the National Speech & Debate Association as well as the Wisconsin High School  
18 Forensic Association.

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