



2019 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 8

1 **Relating to:** congratulating the Green Bay Packers on the occasion of their 100th
2 anniversary and declaring August 11, 2019, Green Bay Packers Day.

3 Whereas, a professional football team was formed in the second-floor editorial
4 rooms of the Green Bay Press-Gazette building on August 11, 1919, and after an
5 under-the-radar public reveal of the team two days later, it was announced that they
6 would be named the Green Bay Packers after the team's sponsor, the Indian Packing
7 Co.; and

8 Whereas, in their first season, the Packers went 10-1 under manager George
9 Whitney Calhoun and captain Curly Lambeau with a team that was filled mostly by
10 former standouts at Green Bay East and West High Schools and that played home
11 games at Hagemester Park where they covered their expenses in part by "passing
12 a hat" for voluntary contributions; and

13 Whereas, after two successful seasons as an independent professional football
14 team, the Green Bay Packers joined the American Professional Football Association,

1 soon to become the National Football League, in 1921 as the smallest city in the
2 young league; and

3 Whereas, the Packers survived against the odds in the team's early years after
4 repeated financial struggles and constant restructuring by the NFL to remove
5 franchises from smaller cities in favor of larger markets, and now thrive in the
6 smallest market and as the only community-owned team in major professional
7 sports; and

8 Whereas, the Green Bay Packers won their first World Championship in 1929,
9 less than a decade after joining the National Football League, and won the first
10 Super Bowl in 1966 among their 11 other World Championships in 1930, 1931, 1936,
11 1939, 1944, 1961, 1962, 1965, 1967, 1996, and 2010; and

12 Whereas, the thirteen World Championships won by the Packers are more than
13 any other NFL franchise, and the Packers are the only team to win three straight
14 World Championships, having accomplished the feat twice; and

15 Whereas, 1,701 people have played in at least one game for the Packers, with
16 162 players, coaches, and executives being enshrined in the Green Bay Packers Hall
17 of Fame, and 25 Packers having their busts displayed in the Pro Football Hall of
18 Fame, more than any other team but one; and

19 Whereas, some notable Green Bay Packers include game-changing talents
20 such as Herb Adderley, Tony Canadeo, Willie Davis, Brett Favre, Forrest Gregg, Paul
21 Hornung, Don Hutson, Jerry Kramer, James Lofton, John "Blood" McNally, Ray
22 Nitschke, Aaron Rodgers, Sterling Sharpe, Bart Starr, Jim Taylor, Reggie White,
23 Willie Wood, and Charles Woodson, and legendary coaches including Earl "Curly"
24 Lambeau and Vince Lombardi; and

