

State of Misconsin 2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

2021 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 149

March 10, 2022 – Introduced by Representatives Shelton, Hong, Stubbs, BROSTOFF, CONLEY, DRAKE, NEUBAUER, SINICKI, SNODGRASS, SPREITZER, ANDERSON, BALDEH, CABRERA, CONSIDINE, EMERSON, HAYWOOD, HEBL, HESSELBEIN, HINTZ, OHNSTAD, RIEMER, VINING, VRUWINK, POPE and BOWEN, cosponsored by Senators AGARD, LARSON, JOHNSON, ROYS, SMITH, WIRCH, CARPENTER and RINGHAND. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1	Relating to: declaration of an Economic Justice Bill of Rights.
2	Whereas, the crises of our time require our resolve to uphold every person's
3	right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness and, as such, demand for the
4	establishment of an Economic Justice Bill of Rights in Wisconsin; and
5	Whereas, grassroots, community activists across the state mobilized voters in
6	an extraordinary fashion; and
7	Whereas, this legislative body is the most diverse legislative body in Wisconsin
8	history, with unprecedented representation; and
9	Whereas, with broad support for bold and progressive policy relating to our
10	current public health and economic crises, the establishment of an Economic Justice
11	Bill of Rights is essential to ensure a commitment to meeting the needs of all peoples
12	of Wisconsin; and
13	Whereas, the people of Wisconsin regardless of race, age, gender, sexual
14	orientation, ability status, immigration status, and country of origin are entitled to
15	economic liberties expressed in a Bill of Rights; and

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1	Whereas, every child is entitled to equitable opportunities and to have their
2	humanity cherished; and
3	Whereas, these economic liberties will set the foundation for the posterity of
4	Wisconsin, starting with uplifting and supporting the youth of today; and
5	Whereas, we declare that Bill of Rights includes the following:
6	1. An equitable, living income and livelihood;
7	2. A union, public or private, and collective bargaining;
8	3. Affordable and accessible high-quality healthcare;
9	4. Equitable and accessible public education and child care;
10	5. Pollution-free water and a healthy planet;
11	6. High-quality, safe housing;
12	7. Reliable, climate-friendly transportation;
13	8. A fair and equitable justice system;
14	9. Life, self-determination, and liberation regardless of race, ethnicity,
15	socioeconomic background, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, disability
16	status, and age;
17	10. To live free from fear of racial, religious, and gender oppression; now,
18	therefore, be it
19	Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the time has come
20	to renew the progressive tradition of Wisconsin — a tradition cultivated historically
21	by Progressives, Republicans, and Democrats — through an Economic Justice Bill
22	of Rights and in a 21st-century fashion.
23	(END)