



State of Wisconsin  
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**ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 2,  
TO 1997 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 52**

June 4, 1997 - Offered by Representative MUSSER.

1     **Relating to:** requesting appropriate action by the Congress to propose an  
2             amendment to the U.S. Constitution prohibiting the physical desecration of the  
3             flag of the United States.

4             Whereas, although the right of free expression is part of the foundation of the  
5     U.S. Constitution, very carefully drawn limits on expression in specific instances  
6     have long been recognized as legitimate means of maintaining public safety and  
7     decency, as well as orderliness and the productive value of public debate; and

8             Whereas, certain actions, although arguably related to one person's free  
9     expression, nevertheless raise issues concerning public decency, public peace, and  
10    the rights of expression and the sacred values of others; and

11            Whereas, there are symbols of our national soul; such as the Washington  
12    monument, the United States capitol building, and memorials to our greatest  
13    leaders; which are the property of every American and are therefore worthy of  
14    protection from desecration and dishonor; and

