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2009 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 71

September 15, 2009 – Introduced by Representatives Garthwaite, Vruwink, Barca, Benedict, Brooks, Fields, Hilgenberg, Hintz, A. Ott and Ripp, cosponsored by Senators Vinehout and Schultz. Referred to Committee on Rules.

2 Whereas, 2009 Pandemic H1N1 influenza, the illness commonly referred to as 3 "Swine Flu," is a combination of human and animal strains of the influenza virus; 4 and 5 Whereas, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention 6 (CDC) and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), human beings cannot 7 contract H1N1 influenza from eating pork products; and 8 Whereas, eating properly handled and cooked pork products is safe; and Whereas, the 2009 H1N1 influenza virus is a human influenza virus that is 9 10 spread from human to human; and 11 Whereas, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the World 12 Health Organization have both pledged to cease using the term "Swine Flu"; and Whereas, pork production is a major component of Wisconsin's economic health, 13 with an economic footprint of \$200 million dollars annually; and 14

Relating to: the H1N1 virus and its impact on Wisconsin.

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Whereas, continued use of the term "Swine Flu" is damaging to both Wisconsin's pork industry, as well as to the state as a whole; now, therefore, be it *Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That* the members of the Wisconsin state legislature hereby urge all state agencies, their representatives, and all private media outlets to cease using the term "Swine Flu" and further urge them to use the term "2009 H1N1 Influenza" in its place.

7 (END)