

## State of Misconsin 2011 - 2012 LEGISLATURE



## 2011 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 53

September 6, 2011 – Introduced by Representatives Hebl, Hulsey, Molepske Jr, Sinicki, Roys, Berceau, Spanbauer, Bewley, Pope-Roberts, Pocan, Fields and Turner, cosponsored by Senators Miller, C. Larson, Lassa, Risser, S. Coggs and Taylor. Referred to Committee on Assembly Organization.

**Relating to:** declaring September 15, 2011, Carbon Day.

Whereas, the state of Wisconsin is dedicated to providing and preserving a healthy environment for the benefit of the state's residents and future generations; and

Whereas, the state recognizes that to maintain a healthy environment each person must play a part in reducing his or her carbon footprint; and

Whereas, one acre of certain trees may remove, over the course of a year, as much as 2.6 tons of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, and one tree may absorb, during that same period, as much carbon dioxide as some cars produce when driven 26,000 miles; and

Whereas, we recognize that, through actions and educational programs, we can raise awareness about environmental problems and make changes that will benefit the environment as well as the well-being of the state's citizens; now, therefore, be

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**Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That** September 15, 2011, shall be designated as Carbon Day in the state of Wisconsin to raise awareness about the need for reducing the state's carbon footprint; and, be it further

**Resolved, That** the legislature urges individuals, organizations, schools, and communities to play a part in reducing the State's carbon footprint by planting trees on September 15, 2011, and organizing special programs to educate the state's residents on steps that can be taken to reduce carbon emissions.

8 (END)