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## State of Misconsin 2011 - 2012 LEGISLATURE



## 2011 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 81

December 2, 2011 – Introduced by Representatives E. Coggs, Berceau, Turner and Young. Referred to Committee on Rules.

Relating to	: women's	reproductive	rights.
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Whereas, the basic right of all women to decide freely on issues of childbearing and sexual and reproductive health without threat of coercion, violence, or discrimination is a safeguard that must be protected; and

Whereas, women comprise fifty-two percent of the United States' population but bear the sole responsibility for childbearing; and

Whereas, women who plan their pregnancies are more likely to seek prenatal care, improving their own health and the health of their children; and

Whereas, it is obvious that politics is a key arena for the fight to protect and expand reproductive rights for women both in Wisconsin and the nation, and merely electing more women or more "good" politicians is simply not enough to ensure this necessary commitment; and

Whereas, reproductive health is a component of overall health, throughout the life cycle, for both men and women; and

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Whereas, reproductive decision-making, including voluntary choice in marriage, family formation, and determination of the number, timing, and spacing of one's children rests with the ability to have access to the information and means needed to exercise voluntary choice; and

Whereas, a majority of American voters believe that matters related to women's reproductive rights, including contraception and abortion, are personal issues that should be decided by women and their families, health care providers, and clergy members; and

Whereas, supporters of women's reproductive rights include the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Planned Parenthood, National Organization for Women, NARAL Pro-Choice, Center for Reproductive Rights, and the National Family Planning and Reproductive Health Association, just to mention a very few; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That** the Wisconsin legislature supports women's reproductive rights.

16 (END)