

State of Misconsin 2013 - 2014 LEGISLATURE



## **2013 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 87**

March 13, 2014 – Introduced by Senators HARRIS, L. TAYLOR, RISSER, LEHMAN, HANSEN and VINEHOUT, cosponsored by Representatives JOHNSON, MASON, SPIROS, ZAMARRIPA, SINICKI, SARGENT, MURPHY, OHNSTAD, GOYKE, POPE, BEWLEY, KAUFERT, BERCEAU, YOUNG and RINGHAND. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1	Relating to: Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Awareness Month.
2	Whereas, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), also known as
3	chronic bronchitis and emphysema, is a serious lung disease that, over time, makes
4	it difficult to breathe; and
5	Whereas, because the disease develops slowly and gradually worsens, many
6	people delay seeking diagnosis and treatment until the disease reaches its late
7	stages; and
8	Whereas, risk factors for the disease include a history of smoking, long-term
9	exposure to secondhand smoke, and exposure to certain chemicals, dust, or fumes in
10	the workplace; and
11	Whereas, COPD is now the third leading cause of death in America, affecting
12	one in five adults over the age of 45 in the United States and more than 234,700 in
13	the state of Wisconsin; and

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1	Whereas, the death rate of women with COPD has recently surpassed the death
<b>2</b>	rate of men with COPD, and women over the age of 40 are the fastest-growing
3	segment of the population developing this irreversible disease; and
4	Whereas, early diagnosis and treatment is possible with the help of a simple
5	breathing test called spirometry; and
6	Whereas, the citizens of Wisconsin should take steps to fight this debilitating
7	disease by learning more about COPD and talking with their health care providers
8	about early detection; now, therefore, be it
9	<b>Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That</b> the legislature
10	proclaims November 2014 as Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Awareness
11	Month.
12	(END)