



State of Wisconsin
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2015 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 27

April 15, 2015 – Introduced by Representatives C. TAYLOR, THIESFELDT, BERCEAU, BOWEN, CONSIDINE, EDMING, GENRICH, GOYKE, JORGENSEN, KESSLER, KITCHENS, KLEEFISCH, KOLSTE, MASON, MILROY, MURSAU, OHNSTAD, ROHRKASTE, SARGENT, SINICKI, SKOWRONSKI, SPREITZER, STUCK, SUBECK, ZAMARRIPA and ZEPNICK, cosponsored by Senators HANSEN, LASSA, OLSEN, VINEHOUT, WIRCH, L. TAYLOR and LEMAHIEU. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** Wisconsin children’s outdoor heritage.

2 Whereas, Wisconsin is a land rich in natural beauty and glorious landscapes,
3 readily available to be shared with the children and families of the state; and

4 Whereas, Wisconsin has led the nation in a long tradition of environmental
5 protection and conservation; and

6 Whereas, Wisconsin has a long standing commitment to its natural heritage,
7 connecting its people to the land, and passing its heritage and traditions to future
8 generations; and

9 Whereas, due to urbanization and technological advancements of our society,
10 children are becoming less connected to the natural world, which threatens their
11 health, quality of life, readiness for future job opportunities, and the future of our
12 natural resources; and

13 Whereas, children who frequently spend time outdoors have significantly less
14 stress, develop enhanced sensory perception, experience fewer attention difficulties
15 and decreased rates of physical and emotional illness and obesity, and are more likely

1 to become lifelong participants in Wisconsin’s rich outdoor traditions; now, therefore,
2 be it

3 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the members of the
4 Wisconsin legislature recognize that every Wisconsin child should continue to have
5 the opportunity to:

6 discover Wisconsin’s diverse wilderness: prairies, forests, wetlands, and
7 beaches;

8 breathe clean air and drink clean water;

9 splash, play, swim, and boat in safe, clean lakes and rivers;

10 visit a farm, historical site, or orchard;

11 share a hunting or fishing experience with a family member, friend, or mentor;

12 follow a trail — ride it or walk it;

13 play, snowshoe, ski, snowboard, or sled in the snow;

14 camp out under the stars;

15 picnic and eat meals made from local products and ingredients;

16 play in the dirt, plant a tree, and grow a garden; and

17 explore and connect with Wisconsin’s natural spaces and wild places; and, be
18 it further

19 ***Resolved, That*** the members of the Wisconsin legislature recognize the
20 benefits of participation in outdoor activities; and, be it further

21 ***Resolved, That*** the members of the Wisconsin legislature encourage parents
22 and guardians to make time to involve children in the wealth of outdoor activities
23 that Wisconsin provides.

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