

State of Misconsin 2015 - 2016 LEGISLATURE

## **2015 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 14**

March 3, 2015 – Introduced by Senators CARPENTER, PETROWSKI, WIRCH, MARKLEIN, L. TAYLOR, HANSEN, VUKMIR, C. LARSON and LASSA, cosponsored by Representatives KITCHENS, HESSELBEIN, SPREITZER, MASON, MURPHY, GOYKE, PETRYK, MURSAU, MURTHA, SUBECK, BOWEN, BERCEAU, SINICKI, WACHS, QUINN, BROSTOFF, OHNSTAD and RIEMER. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1	Relating to: commending Pope Francis.
2	Whereas, Pope Francis was born Jorge Mario Bergoglio on December 17, 1936,
3	in Buenos Aires; and
4	Whereas, Pope Francis, after being elected by the papal conclave on March 13,
5	2013, as both the first Jesuit and the first Latin American pope, chose for himself the
6	papal name of Francis, after St. Francis of Assisi, in order to always be reminded of
7	the poor; and
8	Whereas, since being elected pope, Francis has set an example by choosing to
9	forego the official papal residence at the Apostolic Palace and instead choosing to live
L0	at the Vatican guesthouse, as well as forgoing gold for silver in both his piscatory ring
11	and his pectoral cross; and
12	Whereas, since being elected pope, Francis has continually brought to the
13	forefront issues that are affecting the poor and disenfranchised of the world; and
L4	Whereas, Pope Francis has set a charitable tone and inclusive example that
15	peoples of all faiths can embrace; and

Whereas, Pope Francis has been recognized for his positive impact on the world
 and world issues; and

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Whereas, Pope Francis has announced that in September 2015 he will be
personally visiting the United States of America to participate in the World Meeting
of Families and to deliver a landmark speech to the U.S. Congress; and

6 Whereas, Pope Francis has stated: "No one must say that they cannot be close 7 to the poor because their own lifestyle demands more attention to other areas. This 8 is an excuse commonly heard in academic, business or professional, and even 9 ecclesial circles. While it is quite true that the essential vocation and mission of the 10 lay faithful is to strive that earthly realities and all human activity may be 11 transformed by the Gospel, none of us can think we are exempt from concern for the 12 poor and for social justice"; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That* the members of the
 Wisconsin legislature welcome Pope Francis on his visit to the United States of
 America, and commend his achievements and advocacy.

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