



State of Wisconsin
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2017 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 89

November 14, 2017 - Introduced by Representatives ZAMARRIPA, ANDERSON, BARCA, BERCEAU, CONSIDINE, CROWLEY, DOYLE, FIELDS, HINTZ, MASON, OHNSTAD, POPE, QUINN, SARGENT, SPREITZER, SUBECK, C. TAYLOR, VRUWINK, YOUNG, ZEPNICK and BOWEN, cosponsored by Senators CARPENTER, HANSEN, JOHNSON, LARSON, RISSER, VINEHOUT, WIRCH and L. TAYLOR. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** standing in solidarity with the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

2 Whereas, the United States acquired the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico from
3 Spain under the Treaty of Paris in 1898 at the end of the Spanish-American War; and

4 Whereas, the people of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico received United
5 States citizenship in 1917; and

6 Whereas, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico officially became a United States
7 Commonwealth in 1952; and

8 Whereas, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico was struck by a category 4 storm,
9 Hurricane Maria, on September 20, 2017; and

10 Whereas, Hurricane Maria caused devastating damage to the island, including
11 damage to roads, telecommunications, and the electrical grid; and

12 Whereas, 51 people in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico lost their lives due to
13 Hurricane Maria; and

1 Whereas, currently, one-third of the island does not have access to clean
2 drinking water and more than 80 percent of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico is still
3 without power; and

4 Whereas, much of the 3.4 million people who live in the Commonwealth of
5 Puerto Rico are still struggling to access food, fresh water, gas, and other basic
6 necessities; now, therefore, be it

7 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the Wisconsin
8 Legislature stands in solidarity with the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and extends
9 its support and thoughts to the people who have been affected by Hurricane Maria.

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