

State of Misconsin 2017 - 2018 LEGISLATURE

2017 ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 7

March 9, 2017 – Introduced by Representative RODRIGUEZ. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1	Relating to: proclaiming March 3, 2017, as Birth Defects Day in Wisconsin.
2	Whereas, World Birth Defects Day is observed annually on March 3; and
3	Whereas, birth defects are a leading cause of death in the first year of life,
4	causing one in 5 infant deaths. These conditions lead to \$2.6 billion per year in
5	hospital costs alone in the United States; and
6	Whereas, in Wisconsin, birth defects account for about 23.3 percent of all infant
7	deaths every year; and
8	Whereas, birth defects can occur in any family regardless of race, ethnicity,
9	health history, economic status, or level of education; and
10	Whereas, early identification of a child with a birth defect coupled with early
11	intervention services typically improves the child's quality of life and may even save
12	his or her life; and
13	Whereas, understanding the potential causes of birth defects can lead to
14	recommendations, policies, and services to help prevent them; and

1 Whereas, information from birth defects surveillance systems is used by public 2 health officials, policymakers, and scientists for investigating possible causes of and 3 risk factors for birth defects, educating the public about birth defects and how to 4 prevent them, and referring babies and families affected by birth defects to 5 appropriate services; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, That the Wisconsin Assembly hereby proclaims
March 3, 2017, as Birth Defects Day in Wisconsin to raise awareness of birth defects
in an effort to support healthy birth outcomes.

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