



1997 ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 26

May 13, 1998 - Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES. Referred to Calendar.

1 **Relating to:** welcoming and honoring the Dalai Lama.

2 Whereas, His Holiness, the 14th Dalai Lama, Tenzin Gyatso, is the spiritual
3 and temporal leader of the Tibetan people; and

4 Whereas, since the time of his forced exile in 1959 from Tibet to India, he has
5 devoted himself to the plight of his people and to promoting world peace, winning the
6 respect and affection of world leaders and millions of people throughout the world;
7 and

8 Whereas, his refusal to use violence in Tibet's struggle for freedom won him the
9 Nobel Peace Prize in 1989; and

10 Whereas, in recent years, His Holiness has traveled extensively, sharing his
11 consistent philosophy of peace based on compassion and personal responsibility; and

12 Whereas, His Holiness has visited Wisconsin 3 times in the past; his last visit
13 in 1989, days after he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize; in 1981 when he
14 performed the Kalachakra (Wheel of Time) Initiation for the first time in the West;

1 and in 1979 when Wisconsin was part of His Holiness' historic first visit to North
2 America; and

3 Whereas, His Holiness will make his 4th visit to Wisconsin on May 13 to 15,
4 1998, to offer teachings as requested by the Deer Park Buddhist Center, to address
5 the official session of the Wisconsin assembly, and to meet with the members of the
6 Wisconsin Tibetan Association and to recognize their civic contributions; and

7 Whereas, His Holiness, the 14th Dalai Lama of Tibet, offers these thoughts:
8 *“My message is the practice of compassion, love and kindness. Compassion can be put*
9 *into practice if one recognizes the fact that every human being is a member of*
10 *humanity and the human family regardless of differences in religion, culture, color*
11 *and creed. Deep down there is no difference.”*; now, therefore, be it

12 ***Resolved by the assembly, That*** the members of the Wisconsin assembly, on
13 behalf of the state of Wisconsin, welcome and honor the visit of His Holiness, the 14th
14 Dalai Lama, Tenzin Gyatso, on the occasion of his first visit to our State Capitol, and
15 thank him for his gracious and wise words given for the benefit of all those fortunate
16 to be present in the assembly chambers on this auspicious day, the 13th of May, 1998.

17 (END)