



State of Wisconsin
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2019 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 94

February 12, 2020 - Introduced by Senators FITZGERALD and SHILLING, cosponsored by Representatives VOS and HINTZ. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** congratulating the Wisconsin Hospital Association on its 100th
2 Anniversary and declaring March 18, 2020, Wisconsin Hospital Day.

3 Whereas, the Wisconsin Hospital Association (WHA) was formed on September
4 16, 1920, at the Pfister Hotel in Milwaukee “to promote the welfare of the people of
5 the state” and be “of real value as a service organization to its members”; and

6 Whereas, within six months of formation, advocacy was an immediate priority
7 of WHA, with the organization taking positions on bills up for debate in that session
8 of the Wisconsin State Legislature; and

9 Whereas, today WHA is the unifying voice for Wisconsin hospitals and health
10 systems, whose mission to advocate for the ability of its members to lead in the
11 provision of high-quality, affordable, and accessible health care services has resulted
12 in healthier Wisconsin communities; and

13 Whereas, WHA’s bipartisan work with the state legislature has allowed
14 Wisconsin to take important steps to address this mission, including the passage and

1 enactment of key legislation to enhance quality, build the health care workforce,
2 improve access to care, and support the health of the state's population; and

3 Whereas, the needs of Wisconsin's health care system, our citizens, and our
4 employers have evolved greatly over the last 100 years, requiring close partnership
5 between the Wisconsin Hospital Association, its members, and Wisconsin
6 lawmakers; now, therefore, be it

7 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** WHA's issue
8 expertise and partnership with both sides of the aisle have helped advance sound
9 health care policy that expands access to high-quality care in Wisconsin; and, be it
10 further

11 ***Resolved, That*** the Wisconsin State Legislature recognizes the contributions
12 made by over 100,000 people working in Wisconsin hospitals, the thousands of
13 hospital advocates who have worked with their elected officials over the past 100
14 years, and the work of the Wisconsin Hospital Association to improve access,
15 affordability, and quality in Wisconsin health care; and, be it finally

16 ***Resolved, That*** the Wisconsin State Legislature congratulates the Wisconsin
17 Hospital Association on its 100th Anniversary and proclaims March 18, 2020, as
18 Wisconsin Hospital Day.

19 (END)