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2021 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 24

March 31, 2021 - Introduced by Representatives Shelton, Hong, Stubbs, Brostoff, Conley, Drake, Neubauer, Sinicki, Snodgrass, Spreitzer, Anderson, Baldeh, Billings, Cabrera, Considine, Doyle, Emerson, Haywood, Hebl, Hesselbein, Hintz, Ohnstad, Riemer, Vining and Vruwink, cosponsored by Senators Agard, Larson, Johnson, Roys, Smith and Wirch. Referred to Committee on Rules.

Relating to: declaration of an Economic Justice Bill of Rights.

Whereas, the crises of our time require our resolve to uphold every person's right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness and, as such, demand for the establishment of an Economic Justice Bill of Rights in Wisconsin; and

Whereas, grassroots, community activists across the state mobilized voters in an extraordinary fashion; and

Whereas, this legislative body is the most diverse legislative body in Wisconsin history, with unprecedented representation; and

Whereas, with broad support for bold and progressive policy relating to our current public health and economic crises, the establishment of an Economic Justice Bill of Rights is essential to ensure a commitment to meeting the needs of all peoples of Wisconsin; and

Whereas, the people of Wisconsin regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, and ability status are entitled to economic liberties expressed in a Bill of Rights; and

| 1 | Whereas, every child is entitled to equitable opportunities and to have their |
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| 2 | humanity cherished; and |
| 3 | Whereas, these economic liberties will set the foundation for the posterity of |
| 4 | Wisconsin, starting with uplifting and supporting the youth of today; and |
| 5 | Whereas, we declare that Bill of Rights includes the following: |
| 6 | 1. An equitable, living income and livelihood; |
| 7 | 2. A union, public or private, and collective bargaining; |
| 8 | 3. Affordable and accessible high-quality healthcare; |
| 9 | 4. Equitable and accessible public education and child care; |
| 10 | 5. Pollution-free water and a healthy planet; |
| 11 | 6. High-quality, safe housing; |
| 12 | 7. Reliable, climate-friendly transportation; |
| 13 | 8. A fair and equitable justice system; |
| 14 | 9. Life, self-determination, and liberation regardless of race, ethnicity, |
| 15 | socioeconomic background, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, disability |
| 16 | status, and age; |
| 17 | 10. To live free from fear of racial, religious, and gender oppression; now, |
| 18 | therefore, be it |
| 19 | Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the time has come |
| 20 | to renew the progressive tradition of Wisconsin — a tradition cultivated historically |
| 21 | by Progressives, Republicans, and Democrats — through an Economic Justice Bill |
| 22 | of Rights and in a 21st-century fashion. |
| 23 | (END) |