



State of Wisconsin
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2021 ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 18

May 6, 2021 - Introduced by Representatives STEINEKE and AUGUST. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** ordering the governor to send aid and resources to the U.S. – Mexico
2 border to assist with immigration efforts.

3 Whereas, all members of the Wisconsin State Legislature reaffirm their strong
4 support for lawful and orderly immigration into the United States, as lawful and
5 orderly immigration provides all of our states and the nation with innumerable
6 economic, social, and cultural benefits; and

7 Whereas, the United States is facing a crisis at the U.S.-Mexico border due to
8 an influx of individuals who are entering the United States illegally; and

9 Whereas, in March 2021, more than 170,000 migrants were apprehended at the
10 southwest border, the highest number in a month in 15 years; and

11 Whereas, thousands of migrants are traveling through harsh, unsafe elements;
12 being enslaved; and even perishing in their efforts to cross the southern border; and

13 Whereas, cartels are profiting from the trafficking of women and children
14 across the border, earning tens of millions of dollars every week doing so; and

1 Whereas, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security is dedicated to enforcing
2 immigration laws and securing the border and is working tirelessly to keep America
3 and the American people safe; and

4 Whereas, U.S. Customs and Border Protection and local law enforcement
5 agencies are woefully understaffed and overworked due to the unprecedented influx
6 of individuals crossing the border illegally; and

7 Whereas, on March 14, 2021, the federal government ordered the Federal
8 Emergency Management Agency to assist with processing unaccompanied children
9 who are detained at facilities at the border; and

10 Whereas, states have assisted with immigration enforcement in the past by
11 sending resources and aid, including sending members of the National Guard; and

12 Whereas, on April 20, 2021, Arizona Governor Doug Ducey issued a declaration
13 of emergency in response to the crisis at the border and announced that he is
14 deploying up to 250 members of the Arizona National Guard to the U.S.-Mexico
15 border to assist with immigration efforts; and

16 Whereas, Wisconsin can help address the ongoing immigration crisis and
17 defend our borders by sending aid and resources to assist with immigration efforts;
18 now, therefore, be it

19 ***Resolved by the assembly, That*** the Wisconsin State Assembly stands in
20 proud support of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and law enforcement
21 personnel as employees and members of these agencies dedicate their lives to
22 protecting the border and keeping our country safe; and

23 ***Be it further resolved, That*** the Wisconsin State Assembly requests the
24 governor to send aid and resources to the U.S.-Mexico border to assist the U.S.

1 Department of Homeland Security with the influx of individuals crossing the border
2 illegally.

3 (END)