



## 2011 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

1       **Relating to:** recognizing October 2011 as Comprehensive Women’s Health Month.

2               Whereas, more than 2.8 million women and girls live in the state of Wisconsin;

3       and

4               Whereas, Wisconsin recognizes the unique health needs of women in all phases  
5       of their lives; and

6               Whereas, access to comprehensive reproductive health care — including  
7       colposcopies, Pap smears, mammograms, treatment for sexually transmitted  
8       infections, and birth control — is critical to the overall well-being of women and their  
9       families; and

10              Whereas, women’s health care providers have saved countless lives by  
11       preventing and treating life-threatening diseases including breast, cervical, and  
12       ovarian cancers, and HIV-AIDS; and

13              Whereas, family planning is recognized by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control  
14       and Prevention (CDC) as one of the top ten public health achievements of the 20th  
15       century; and

1           Whereas, the state of Wisconsin values the many licensed health care  
2 professionals who provide this basic care in a compassionate setting, at times under  
3 threat of violence; now, therefore, be it

4           ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the members of the  
5 Wisconsin legislature strongly support comprehensive women’s health care  
6 providers in their unique, positive contributions to the individual lives of women,  
7 men, and children, both before and after birth; and, be it further

8           ***Resolved, That*** the Wisconsin legislature recognizes, commends, and is  
9 grateful for the arduous, compassionate, and sometimes dangerous work of  
10 thousands of staff and volunteers in comprehensive women’s health centers across  
11 Wisconsin and the United States; and, be it further

12           ***Resolved, That*** the members of the Wisconsin legislature proclaim October  
13 2011 as Comprehensive Women’s Health Month across the state of Wisconsin, and  
14 commend this observance to all of its citizens, recognizing that women in our state  
15 deserve the best health care available especially in dire economic times such as these.

16                           **(END)**