



PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION
2015 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 **Relating to:** renewing Wisconsin’s land ethic and reviving our heritage as a leader
2 and pioneer in environmental policy and sustainability, with a focus on taking
3 action to integrate solutions to carbon pollution and climate change into the
4 activities and businesses of our fellow citizens.

5 Whereas, faith leaders around the world are publicly recognizing that
6 destructive climate change is happening, that climate change is caused by human
7 action, that the value of a healthy planet cannot and should not be measured strictly
8 monetarily, and that it is the responsibility and moral obligation of all of us to help
9 save the planet we are carelessly and systematically destroying; and

10 Whereas, Pope Francis acknowledges that climate change is “one of the
11 principal challenges facing humanity in our day” and in order to reduce carbon
12 pollution and save our planet, “it is we human beings above all who need to change”;
13 and

1 Whereas, leaders of Christian denominations and churches across the nation
2 and globe echo and strengthen the call that we have a moral obligation to act on
3 climate change; and

4 Whereas, the Dalai Lama recognizes that “climate change and the global
5 economy now affect us all” and urges his followers to take action, and additional
6 leaders of the Buddhist faith declare that “we must ‘de-carbonize’ our energy
7 systems as quickly as feasible by replacing fossil fuels with renewable energy sources
8 that are limitless”; and

9 Whereas, leaders of the Jewish faith have publicly proclaimed that “great
10 Carbon Corporations not only make their enormous profits from wounding the
11 Earth, but then use these profits to purchase elections and to fund fake science to
12 prevent the public from acting to heal the wounds”; and

13 Whereas, Islamic faith leaders have declared that “Human activity is putting
14 such a strain on the natural functions of the earth that the ability of the planet’s
15 ecosystems to sustain future generations can no longer be taken for granted”; and

16 Whereas, the science and faith communities are overwhelmingly united that
17 we can and must take substantial action to reduce carbon pollution to preserve the
18 health and quality of life of people across the globe, and to reverse the ecological
19 damage to our land and waters; now, therefore, be it

20 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the Wisconsin state
21 legislature renews Wisconsin’s land ethic and revives our heritage as a leader and
22 pioneer in environmental policy and sustainability, with a focus on taking action to
23 integrate solutions to carbon pollution and climate change into the activities and
24 businesses of our fellow citizens.

25 (END)