



2017 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 78

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AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

1 **Relating to:** upholding the articles of the United Nations Convention on the Rights
2 of the Child.

3 Whereas, the United States is a signatory but not a state party to the United
4 Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child; and

5 Whereas, the state of Wisconsin recognizes the importance of offering
6 protection for, promoting the well-being of, and creating healthy environments for
7 all its citizens under the age of 18; and

8 Whereas, children are vulnerable members of society dependent on parents,
9 guardians, and the state and are in need of protection from discrimination,
10 exploitation, physical and mental harm, maltreatment, and neglect; and

11 Whereas, the state of Wisconsin wishes to express its support of the 1990
12 United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and will work towards
13 upholding the articles contained within it; and

14 Whereas, the rights outlined in the convention should be respected without
15 discrimination of any kind irrespective of the child's or his or her parent's or legal

1 guardian's race; color; sex; language; religion; political or other opinion; national,
2 ethnic, or social origin; property; disability; birth; or other status; and

3 Whereas, institutions, services, and facilities responsible for the care or
4 protection of children shall conform with standards established by competent
5 authorities; and

6 Whereas, children should have the freedom to seek, receive, and impart
7 information and ideas of all kinds, regardless of borders, thought, conscience, and
8 religion; and

9 Whereas, we must ensure children have access to information and material
10 from a diversity of national and international sources, especially those aimed at
11 promoting social, spiritual, and moral well-being and physical and mental health;
12 and

13 Whereas, we must recognize the right of the disabled child to special care and
14 shall encourage and ensure the extension of this care, subject to available resources,
15 to the eligible child; and

16 Whereas, in all actions concerning children, it is the state's job to ensure that
17 the best interest of the child shall be a primary consideration; now, therefore, be it

18 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the state of
19 Wisconsin will work to create an environment conducive to promoting the well-being
20 of all children, including:

21 (1) Access to compulsory and free public education;

22 (2) Right of access to health care services specifically related to reducing infant and
23 child mortality, combating disease and malnutrition, ensuring appropriate prenatal
24 and postnatal health care for mothers, and providing basic education on health and
25 nutrition;

1 (3) Protection from all forms of mental and physical violence, injury and abuse, and
2 neglect;

3 (4) Right to rest and leisure, engage in play, cultural life, and the arts;

4 (5) Protection from the illicit use of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances;

5 (6) Protection from all forms of sexual exploitation and sexual abuse; and, be it
6 further

7 ***Resolved, That*** the legislators, public officials, parents and guardians, and all
8 others who play a role in Wisconsin children's lives uphold this joint resolution and
9 the articles of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

10 (END)