



State of Wisconsin
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2011 ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 17

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1 **Relating to:** protecting First Amendment rights.

2 Whereas, both the Wisconsin and U.S. constitutions protect each individual's
3 right to exercise freedom of speech and expression; and

4 Whereas, our communities and state benefit when our government is open and
5 transparent, and encourages and facilitates citizen participation in the legislative
6 process; and

7 Whereas, the Wisconsin capitol is the people's house and should be open to the
8 people; and

9 Whereas, individuals who have been peacefully assembled and nondisruptive
10 have been removed from the assembly gallery for affixing communications to their
11 clothing or carrying small, unobtrusive slogans and signs; and

12 Whereas, an individual's right to participate and observe the legislative process
13 is not dependent on any message affixed to his or her attire, which constitutes the
14 peaceful expression of that individual's views; and

