



State of Wisconsin
2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

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2021 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 26

March 31, 2021 - Introduced by Representatives KITCHENS, NOVAK, NEUBAUER, ANDERSON, ARMSTRONG, BALDEH, BOWEN, CABRAL-GUEVARA, CALLAHAN, CONLEY, DRAKE, DUCHOW, HEBL, KURTZ, LOUDENBECK, MURSAU, OLDENBURG, PETRYK, SHELTON, SINICKI, SPIROS, STEFFEN, SUBECK, TRANEL, TUSLER and VRUWINK, cosponsored by Senators COWLES, BALLWEG, AGARD, CARPENTER, PFAFF, RINGHAND, ROYS, SMITH, L. TAYLOR and WIRCH. Referred to Committee on Rules.

AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

1 **Relating to:** honoring April 22, 2021, as the 51st Anniversary of Earth Day.

2 Whereas, Earth Day is an annual event celebrated around the world on April
3 22 to recognize the protection of natural spaces, water quality, and air quality; and

4 Whereas, Earth Day was founded by U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin,
5 who proposed the idea to hold a nationwide environmental teach-in on April 22,
6 1970; and

7 Whereas, Senator Nelson insisted that the first Earth Day's activities be
8 created not by organizers in Washington, D.C., but by individuals and groups in their
9 own communities who best understood the value that clean water and air and
10 undisturbed forests, prairies, and parks have or could have in their area; and

11 Whereas, the first Earth Day events took place in 2,000 colleges and
12 universities, roughly 10,000 primary and secondary schools, and hundreds of
13 communities across the United States; and

14 Whereas, Earth Day is currently observed in 192 countries and is now believed
15 to be the largest secular holiday in the world, with more than one billion people

