

2019 Assembly Resolution 17

ENGROSSED RESOLUTION

Relating to: recognizing the city of Burlington as the annual host of the Wisconsin State Ice Carving Competition.

Whereas, Wisconsin attracts tourists with its changing seasons, and provides opportunities for exploration of our great landscapes, countless festivals, and rich state heritage; and

Whereas, one of the great festivals in our state, ChocolateFest, has taken place in the city of Burlington since 1987 and has coined the city as Chocolate City, U.S.A.; and

Whereas, ChocolateFest began more than 30 years ago and has been successfully run solely by volunteers from its beginning. The community is the heart of the city of Burlington, which makes it no surprise that the city, with citizens whose way of life is defined by giving to others, would be chosen as the home of the Wisconsin State Ice Carving Competition; and

Whereas, WinterFun, Inc. is the governing body of the U.S. National Snow Sculpting Competition and in 2017, Executive Director Don Berg and Burlington Mayor Jeannie Hefty met as the city was under consideration to annually host the Wisconsin State Ice Carving Competition; and

Whereas, in January 2018, the city of Burlington was proclaimed the host for the Wisconsin State Ice Carving Competition and in December 2018, it held this annual event; and

Whereas, winter is a wonderful time of year in Wisconsin with outdoor adventures to accommodate a wide array of individual interests. From "The Snowmobile Capital of the World" in Eagle River, which is home to the International Snowmobile Hall of Fame, to the Apostle Islands Sled Dog Race and the Ice Caves in Bayfield, to the home of North America's largest cross—country ski race, the American Birkebeiner, in Hayward; Wisconsin is the place to enjoy all that winter has to offer; and

Whereas, the Burlington Ice Festival is another hallmark Wisconsin winter travel destination that delivers fun for all ages; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, That the members of the Wisconsin State Assembly do hereby recognize the city of Burlington as the annual host of the Wisconsin State Ice Carving Competition and for the commitment the city has shown in promoting this great Wisconsin winter event.

State Capitol Madison, Wisconsin	Representative Robin J. Vos Speaker of the Assembly
Date	Patrick E. Fuller Assembly Chief Clerk