

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Wisconsin State Senate that the State of Wisconsin will continue to support China in its effort to stop the spread of the coronavirus.

Whereas the outbreak of the coronavirus, known as “COVID-19”, was first detected in Wuhan of Hubei Province, China, and was reported by China to the World Health Organization (WHO) on December 31, 2019; and

Whereas China’s action has been critical to the global fight against the epidemic, and China has adopted unprecedented and rigorous measures for disease control and prevention, including locking down Wuhan, a metropolis of 11 million people, house-to-house temperature checks, postponing the return to work after the Lunar New Year break of hundreds of millions of travelers, construction of hospitals of more than two thousand beds on green fields within days, bringing in medical teams from across the country to Hubei Province. These measures have been effective in curbing the virus from spreading to other parts of China and the world. As a result, the daily number of newly confirmed cases in China has dropped sharply to double digits, over 60,000 (to be updated) people have been cured and discharged from hospital, and the case fatality rate has remained lower than SARS, EBOLA and MERS; and

Whereas China has been transparent and quick in sharing key information of the virus with the WHO and the international community, thus creating a window of opportunity for other countries to make timely response; and

Whereas the state and local public health authorities are closely monitoring the outbreak of the COVID-19, and the risk of this novel coronavirus to the general public in the U.S. remains low, there is no need to overreact. Most importantly, the novel coronavirus is a threat to all human beings, not just the people in regions where the virus broke out. It shall not become an excuse for discrimination against epidemic-struck regions and people from Asian communities in the State of Wisconsin; and

Whereas ending the spread of the virus is in the best interest of people at home in the U.S., and our cities and communities have acted to provide assistance to China; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Wisconsin State Senate that

(1) it is the sense of the Wisconsin State Senate that...

(A) the State of Wisconsin stands in solidarity with the people of China who are hard hit by the novel coronavirus; and

(B) the State of Wisconsin will continue to support China in its effort to stop the spread of the epidemic; and

(2) the Wisconsin State Senate encourages the United States government to continue to follow the WHO recommendations and work together with the WHO and other countries toward the goal of preventing the virus from taking more lives.