

Sen. Marklein: Statement on Senate Joint Resolution 3

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Madison, WI – Senator Howard Marklein (R-Spring Green) made the following statement following the Senate’s passage of Senate Joint Resolution (SJR) 3, which ends the COVID-19 public health emergency, including all emergency orders and actions taken pursuant to the declaration of the public health emergency.

“I voted for SJR 3 because I do not believe that anyone, including our Governor, should be allowed to break the law and we need to work together to end the effects of this pandemic in Wisconsin.

Almost a year ago, when this pandemic began, we didn’t know what we were dealing with. Executive orders were necessary to quickly respond as we learned about the disease and strategies to protect our people and support our healthcare system. However, 10 months have passed and it is well past time to work together.

Our action today reaffirms that emergency powers must not become an excuse to give any individual, no matter who is in charge, limitless power to override our laws. Our constitution specifically provides for checks and balances to ensure our citizens have a voice.

Let’s keep going in the right direction. We can all do our part. Maintain respectful distances from each other. Practice good hygiene. Wear a mask when you need to. We are making great progress and we can continue to do this together.”