



# JOEL KLEEFISCH

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## **Disabled Community Honors Kleefisch for his Work**

**Wisconsin Dells** – Rehabilitation for Wisconsin gave Representative Joel Kleefisch the 2017 Government Leadership Award in recognition of his outstanding advocacy for individuals with diverse abilities and ensuring their choice for a full array of employment services.

Kleefisch was nominated by Opportunities, Inc., a Community Rehabilitation Program. He has been involved with the organization for numerous years and has been active in the disability community for decades. Kleefisch is aware of the importance of a variety of employment choices and the duty of government to do all that is possible to ensure of a person's right to choose what work they do and where they do it.

Representative Kleefisch has led the charge for Wisconsin's 2017 Joint Resolution in recognizing the value and need for employment services for individuals with developmental disabilities. He drafted the resolution requesting that individuals with developmental disabilities have the choice to work where they desire. His involvement on this vital issue will not only be recognized and applauded statewide, but has been noted on a national level as well.

"People with disabilities have a very special place in my heart," said Representative Kleefisch. "When those who commit their lives to opportunities for the disabled community honored me, I was humbled beyond words."

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