

WHEREAS; Transit Equity Day is a nationally recognized day of action held every year on February 4th to commemorate the birthday of the iconic civil rights leader Rosa Parks; and

WHEREAS; protecting the right to transit mobility and accessibility means ensuring that all individuals have access to convenient, affordable, and equitable transit services, and Transit Equity Day recognizes the connection between this idea and Rosa Parks' historic role in the Civil Rights Movement and reducing barriers to public transportation through the Montgomery Bus Boycott; and

WHEREAS; Transit Equity Day also elevates the message that providing access to affordable, accessible, clean, and safe transit and paratransit alternatives can be a means to combat climate change and expand access to underserved communities; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin's public transit infrastructure is vital to the social and economic livelihood of Wisconsinites across the state by creating jobs, helping folks get to and from work, school, doctors' appointments, and so much more; and

WHEREAS; despite advancements and protections against discrimination, unequal access to public transit and barriers to accessibility continue to negatively affect the lives of individuals across the nation, underscoring the need for continued advancements in technology, infrastructure, and policy; and

WHEREAS; ensuring safe, functional, affordable, and accessible transportation options and infrastructure, while centering sustainability and equity in designing and investing in Wisconsin's transit systems, remains a priority for the state; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin affirms that public transit is an essential service and that all people—regardless of race, ability, age, income, or identity—have the right to transit mobility and transit accessibility;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim February 4 2026 as

TRANSIT EQUITY DAY

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 21st day of January 2026.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State