

WHEREAS; observed annually in March, Women’s History Month provides all Wisconsinites with the opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the innumerable contributions that women have made to the history of the state and country; and

WHEREAS; women of all backgrounds have altered the trajectory of every aspect of society, from science, art, and politics to education, activism, business, and beyond; and

WHEREAS; according to the National Women’s History Museum, the journey to establish Women’s History as an annually recognized acknowledgment began in 1980, when a consortium of women’s groups and historians led by the National Women’s History Project, now known as the National Women’s History Alliance, successfully lobbied for national recognition, and in 1987, Congress passed a law which officially designated the month of March as Women’s History Month across the nation; and

WHEREAS; for far too long, the achievements of women—and women of color, especially—in the United States have been minimized, ignored, and overlooked, underscoring the importance of honoring the generations of women who have blazed trails, shattered glass ceilings, and fought for a more just, equitable, and better world for all; and

WHEREAS; women like Ho-poe-kaw, Electa Quinney, Belle Case La Follette, Laura Ingalls Wilder, Georgia O’Keeffe, Emma Toft, Mildred Fish-Harnack, Milly Zantow, Glen Wise, Vel Phillips, Shirley Abrahamson, Ada Deer, bell hooks, Peg Lautenschlager, Mee Moua, Kathryn Morrison, Margaret Farrow, Gwen Moore, Tammy Baldwin, and so many more have played a critical role in the history and prosperity of the state of Wisconsin and the nation, and their resilience in the face of adversity serves as an inspiration for individuals across the country and around the world; and

WHEREAS; despite the significant progress that has been made towards gender equity in Wisconsin and in the United States more broadly, discrimination and violence on the basis of gender—intersected by race, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, and other social factors—continue to persist; and

WHEREAS; the health and prosperity of Wisconsin, including the workforce and economy, depend on the health and prosperity of women, and the state affirms its commitment to empowering women to realize their highest potential and aspirations in every aspect of their personal and professional lives;

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in celebrating women’s history and uniting in the fight for equality and justice for all;

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

## **WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH**

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 26th day of February 2026.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State