

WHEREAS; established by executive order by the late Governor Tony Earl on February 1, 1983, and later codified in statute with the passage of the 1983-1985 biennial budget bill, the Wisconsin Women’s Council is a 15-member statutory commission on the status of women in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS; consisting of members appointed by the governor and legislative leadership, the bipartisan council’s purpose is to enhance the ability of all Wisconsin women to participate fully and equally in all aspects of life; and

WHEREAS; the Wisconsin Women’s Council promotes initiatives that empower women, serves as a clearinghouse for information on the status of women in the state, conducts independent research, and promotes unique partnerships to further the economic and social equality of women and improve the state’s overall tax base and economy; and

WHEREAS; while progress has been made towards gender equity in Wisconsin since the creation of the Wisconsin Women’s Council, the council’s work is not complete, as many of the inequalities, disparities, and hardships that women in the state experienced in 1983 persist 40 years later; and

WHEREAS; as the late Governor Earl stated in 1983, “the state of Wisconsin has a proud tradition and deep commitment to foster a community in which gender is no longer the basis of either privilege or denial of opportunity;” and

WHEREAS; this year, on the 40th anniversary of the Wisconsin Women’s Council, the state of Wisconsin affirms its responsibility to continuing this proud tradition and deep commitment to advancing gender equity and justice across the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim 2023 as the

## **40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WISCONSIN WOMEN’S COUNCIL**

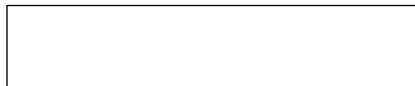
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state’s residents.

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 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State