

# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; Transit Equity Day is a national day of action that is held every year on February 4 to commemorate the birthday of the iconic civil rights leader, Rosa Parks, tying her efforts to integrate public transportation systems in the 1950s to the belief that all people should have the right to transit mobility and accessibility; 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 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

*WHEREAS*; Wisconsin's public transit infrastructure is vital to our social and economic livelihood, helping Wisconsinites get to and from work, school, doctor's appointments, and so much more; and

*WHEREAS*; ensuring safe, functional, affordable, accessible, and sustainable infrastructure and transportation services is a priority for our state, and we recognize the importance of centering sustainability and equity in designing and investing in our transit systems; 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 status, 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, 2022, as

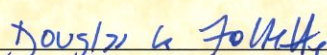
## TRANSIT EQUITY DAY

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 14<sup>th</sup> day of  
January 2022.

  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State

