

# 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 the social and economic livelihood of Wisconsinites across the state by creating jobs and helping folks get to and from work, school, doctor's appointments, and so much more; and

*WHEREAS*; ensuring safe, functional, affordable, and accessible infrastructure and transportation 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, 2023, 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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January 2023.

TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State