

# STATE *of* WISCONSIN



## OFFICE *of the* GOVERNOR

# *Proclamation*

*WHEREAS*; a gender wage gap refers to an observed disparity in average annual earnings between full-time workers of different genders, races, or ethnic backgrounds; and

*WHEREAS*; while laws are in place on the state and federal levels prohibiting discrimination in employment and pay based on gender, these disparities persist in large part due to institutionalized discrimination in wages and the types of jobs that women are more likely to hold—which are often among the lowest paid—and women continue to make significantly less on average than their male counterparts working in the same occupations; and

*WHEREAS*; women of color, who experience a wage gap that exists at the intersection of gender, race, and other demographic factors, have long been disproportionately affected by pay inequality, and workers may also experience pay disparities based on sexual orientation or gender identity, which are not adequately protected by anti-discrimination laws in many cases; and

*WHEREAS*; according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the average woman in the United States working full-time earned around 83 cents for every dollar made by the average man in 2022; and

*WHEREAS*; every year, Equal Pay Day is observed on the approximate day into the new year that the average woman in the United States must work in order to earn what a man earned on average in the previous year; and

*WHEREAS*; today, the state of Wisconsin affirms the principle of equal pay for equal work and reaffirms its commitment to expanding employment and professional advancement opportunities for women in the state and working towards a more just and equitable economy for all Wisconsinites;

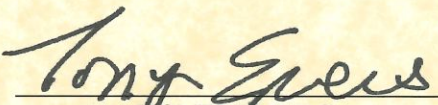
*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim March 14, 2023, as

## **EQUAL PAY DAY**

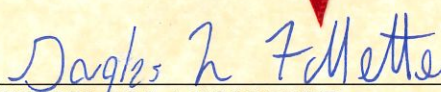
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state's residents.



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 24th day of February 2023.

  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State