

STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

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

WHEREAS; these disparities persist in large part due to institutionalized discrimination, and women of color, experiencing a wage gap that intersects gender and race, are disproportionately affected; and

WHEREAS; while the average woman in the United States makes 82 cents for every dollar made by the average man, Black women make 63 cents for every dollar made by white, non-Hispanic men once this gap is broken down by race and gender; and

WHEREAS; Black women have always had the highest labor force participation among American women—due to the legal, social, and economic factors that have historically given them no other choice—and, even today, more than 80 percent of Black mothers are the primary or sole providers for their families; and

WHEREAS; we recognize that achieving equal pay for Black women and increasing their representation in high-wage jobs is essential to the prosperity of our state's families, communities, and overall economy; and

WHEREAS; every year, Black Women's Equal Pay Day is observed on the approximate day into the new year that a Black woman must work in order to earn what a white, non-Hispanic man earned on average in the previous year; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim August 3, 2021, as

BLACK WOMEN'S EQUAL PAY DAY

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all of 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 16th day of
July 2021.

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State