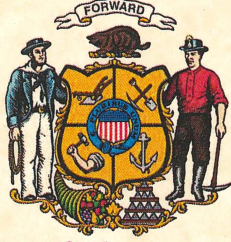


STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Women's Equality Day is recognized throughout the country on August 26th as a celebration of the 1920 adoption of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, women have historically been denied the full spectrum of rights and privileges available to men in American society, and have consistently led the charge for necessary social and political change; and

WHEREAS, women, especially female-identifying persons of color, continue to face inequities across our state and our country and remain steadfast in the ongoing fight to ensure legal and institutional rights for people of all genders, races, ages, abilities, and backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin has historically been at the forefront of women's equality movements, having become the first state to ratify the 19th Amendment in 1919; and

WHEREAS, the state of Wisconsin recognizes that in order to achieve equity and equality, we must continue to work toward ensuring access to reproductive health care, equal pay, and protection from discrimination; and

WHEREAS, Women's Equality Day presents the opportunity to reflect on the legacy of American suffragists, to recognize the progress we have made and that which we have yet to achieve, to embody our progressive traditions, and to unite in the fight for the equality and liberation of all people;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim August 26, 2019, as

WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our citizens.



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 13th day of August 2019.

Tony Evers
TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Douglas La Follette
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State