

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

WHEREAS; while Wisconsin has a long history at the forefront of women's equality movements, having become the first state to ratify the 19th Amendment in 1919, discrimination and violence on the basis of gender—intersected by race, ability, sexual orientation, and other social factors—persist; and

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin recognizes that in order to achieve true equality, we must ensure and expand access to reproductive healthcare, equal pay, and protection from discrimination; and

WHEREAS; since its designation by the United States Congress 50 years ago, in 1971, Women's Equality Day has been recognized on August 26 as both a celebration of women's suffrage and a symbol of the ongoing struggle for gender equality in our country; and

WHEREAS; as we celebrate the progress we have made in our state, we reaffirm our commitment to working towards equal legal and institutional rights for all Wisconsinites; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in reflecting on the legacy of American suffragists, embodying our progressive traditions, and uniting in the fight for the liberation of all women and all people;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim August 26, 2021, as

## **WOMEN'S EQUALITY 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 23rd day of July 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State