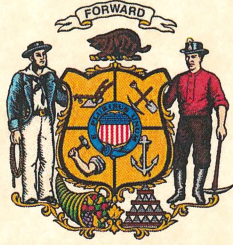# STATE of WISCONSIN

OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; the Honorable Justice Shirley S. Abrahamson became the first woman to serve on the Wisconsin Supreme Court upon her appointment in 1976, serving as the sole woman on the court until 1993; and

WHEREAS; Justice Abrahamson is the longest serving justice in the history of Wisconsin, having served on the Supreme Court for 43 years and as Chief Justice for 19 years, from 1996 to 2015; and

WHEREAS; justices from across the country have uniformly praised Justice Abrahamson's work ethic and her numerous and unparalleled positive contributions to the field of law; and

WHEREAS; throughout the course of her career, Justice Abrahamson issued decisions that protected individual rights and the equal application of justice, and she has continued to be a vocal proponent of diversifying the perspectives represented on the bench so as to be better stewards of justice for the communities served by Wisconsin courts; and

WHEREAS; Justice Abrahamson issued more than 1,300 opinions, earned 15 honorary law degrees, and worked to expand the number of local and regional legal clinics and programs available to Wisconsinites throughout the state to approximately 150; and

WHEREAS; Justice Abrahamson's steadfast acumen and distinctive sense of humor united people from all backgrounds and political affiliations; and

WHEREAS; Justice Abrahamson laid the groundwork for underrepresented people in all professional fields to unabashedly pursue their interests, apply their talents, and proudly wear their distinctions;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim June 18, 2019, as

THE HONORABLE JUSTICE SHIRLEY ABRAHAMSON 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 1st day of June 2019.

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLET
Secretary of State