



State of Wisconsin
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2019 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 15

March 28, 2019 - Introduced by Senators HANSEN, SCHACHTNER, CARPENTER, BEWLEY, WIRCH, MILLER, SHILLING, LARSON, SMITH, RINGHAND, RISSER, L. TAYLOR, ERPENBACH and JOHNSON, cosponsored by Representatives SINICKI, HEBL, ANDERSON, CROWLEY, STUCK, RIEMER, STUBBS, MYERS, ZAMARRIPA, HAYWOOD, C. TAYLOR, POPE, KOLSTE, CONSIDINE, GOYKE, MEYERS, SHANKLAND, OHNSTAD, SARGENT, BROSTOFF, NEUBAUER, SUBECK, VINING, BOWEN, BILLINGS, FIELDS, SPREITZER, HINTZ, HESSELBEIN, EMERSON, GRUSZYNSKI, MILROY, DOYLE, CABRERA and VRUWINK. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** observing Tuesday, April 2, 2019, as Equal Pay Day in Wisconsin.

2 Whereas, Equal Pay Day occurs each year on the day when a woman has finally
3 earned the same yearly salary as her male counterpart did the previous year; and

4 Whereas, since World War II, when Wisconsin women worked in factories and
5 shipyards, Wisconsin women have remained the most likely in the United States to
6 be in the paid workforce—ranking fifth among the states; and

7 Whereas, in 2016, about 1.4 million Wisconsin women were in the labor force
8 (across all sectors), and according to the U.S. Census Bureau, this represented over
9 47 percent of the civilian employed population 16 years and over; and

10 Whereas, 2019 marks 100 years since the passage of the Nineteenth
11 Amendment by Congress on June 4, 1919, which was one of the first steps in
12 providing equal rights to women; and

13 Whereas, working Wisconsin women truly contribute to a profoundly better
14 quality of life in our state by significantly raising the incomes of their families and
15 their communities; and

