

Milwaukee County Transit: Honors Rosa Parks with open seat and red rose on every bus

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Milwaukee, WI - The Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) is keeping a seat open and placing a red rose on every bus from Friday, November 30 through Sunday, December 2 to honor the life of Rosa Parks and her contribution to equal rights.

Parks was arrested after refusing to give up her seat to a white man in Montgomery, Ala., on December 1, 1955. Her small act of civil disobedience led to a landmark Supreme Court ruling that outlawed segregation on public transportation.

"Now, more than ever, Rosa Parks' courage and beliefs should inspire us every day. This country was changed for the better on that December day when she refused to give into racism and oppression," said Milwaukee County Executive Chris Abele. "While we can never truly thank her for her brave actions, we mark the occasion to remember and honor her bravery and convictions."

Every bus in the MCTS fleet will have a seat reserved in honor of Rosa Parks for those three days; in each of those seats MCTS is placing a red rose in her memory. Each reserved seat features a sign with a picture of Rosa Parks and one of her famous quotes, "My only concern was to get home after a hard day's work."