

Rep. Bernier: State Assembly proclaims March 19 as Wisconsin Celebrating Women in Public Office Day

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MADISON - Today, the State Assembly passed Assembly Joint Resolution 105, which proclaims March 19 to be "Celebrating Women in Public Office Day" in Wisconsin. The Resolution was authored by Representative Lisa Subeck (D-Madison) and Representative Kathy Bernier (R- Lake Hallie), both of whom serve in leadership roles within the National Foundation for Women Legislators.

"Women continue to play a critical role in the vitality and diversity of our communities, bringing different perspectives to the table," said Rep. Bernier. "That is why we must continue to celebrate women in office and continue to inspire more women to serve their communities."

While the twentieth century was a pivotal time of growth for women entering politics, women remain underrepresented. In Wisconsin, only 25% of the state legislative seats are represented by women. On March 19, during Women's History Month, municipalities and states across the nation will unite to support the success of women in public office. Additionally, there are activities, events, and programs scheduled which will recognize the importance of women in public office throughout the country.

"On March 19, we will celebrate women across Wisconsin who hold public office and

have seats at the policy-making table,” said Rep. Subeck. “Now more than ever we need more strong women serving in elected positions at all levels of government.”