

Gov. Evers: Announces 19th Amendment Centennial Web Portal with First Lady

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MADISON — Gov. Tony Evers, together with the Committee to Celebrate the Centennial of Wisconsin's Ratification of the 19th Amendment and its Chair, First Lady Kathy Evers, today announced the launch of a new website to share resources about events and programming relating to the 19th amendment taking place across Wisconsin.

WomenVoteWI.wi.gov is a one-stop place to help individuals, teachers, and organizations find information, resources, and events across Wisconsin commemorating and celebrating this historic event and exploring its relevance to the issues today.

On June 10, 1919, Wisconsin made history by becoming the first state to ratify the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution granting women the vote. This Centennial year offers a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to commemorate Wisconsin's leading role, paving the way for other states to follow. The Amendment became part of the Constitution in August 1920, after ratification by the necessary 36 states.

"Now more than ever, it's important that we celebrate and elevate women and their contributions to our communities and our state while also acknowledging the important work we still have yet to do for equity, equality, and the inclusion of women across our state," said Gov. Evers. "I know this committee will serve as an important effort to educate folks and celebrate women's suffrage and the 19th Amendment in Wisconsin."

Wisconsin's public centennial celebration kick-off, co-hosted by the Wisconsin Historical Society and the women of the 104th Legislature, will take place on Monday, June 10, 2019, from 12-3 p.m., at the Wisconsin State Capitol. The event includes the unveiling of Wisconsin's original 19th Amendment document, a speaker program, and public reception with the women who are members of the 104th Legislature. These events are free and open to the public.