

Dane County Board of Supervisors: Recognizes Women's History Month, Equal Pay Day, and support for pay equity

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DANE COUNTY, Wis. — On Thursday, March 5, 2026, the Dane County Board of Supervisors officially recognized March 2026 as Women's History Month and acknowledged March 26, 2026, as Equal Pay Day. The board passed [2025 RES-379](#) to mark this observance.

The resolution highlights the 2026 Women's History Month theme, "Leading the Change: Women Shaping a Sustainable Future," which recognizes women who have helped build and reimagine systems that promote environmental, economic, educational, and societal sustainability.

The resolution also recognizes Equal Pay Day, which marks how far into the following year the median woman must work to earn what the median man earned by the end of the previous year. Nationally, women working full-time and year-round continue to earn less on average than men, with wider disparities for women of color.

The county board also recognized the work of the League of Women Voters (LWV) of Dane County, a nonpartisan organization with more than 400 members dedicated to empowering voters and strengthening democracy through education, research, and advocacy.

"In 1920, the League of Women Voters of Dane County was created and women won the right to vote," said Sue Jennik, president of LWV Dane County. "Today,

proposals to make voting more difficult impact those with low income, people of color, and especially women. Attacks on equity for all endanger the gains women have made economically. We commend the Dane County Board of Supervisors for recognizing March 2026 as Women's History Month, Equal Pay Day, and Supporting Pay Equity."

"For over 100 years, the League of Women voters has encouraged informed, active participation in government, promoting civic values and advancing the rights of women," said Supervisor Amy Larson (Dist. 15), who read the resolution. "The League has steadily and assertively advocated for the Equal Rights Amendment, pay equity laws, and the enforcement of anti-discrimination statutes, all from a non-partisan standpoint.

"My mother was an active member of our local LWW chapter, and as a teenager, I enjoyed going to local election debates with her. Their calm, steady work helps bring community conversations back to the values we share. Women's History Month and Equal Pay Day remind us not only to recognize the women who have shaped our communities and our democracy, but also to continue the work of ensuring equal opportunity and fairness for future generations."

The Dane County Board of Supervisors reaffirms its commitment to recognizing and honoring the contributions and leadership of women in our community and supporting continued efforts to eliminate the gender pay gap and advance pay equity for all workers.