



Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors Chairwoman Marcelia Nicholson, 5th District

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Chairwoman Nicholson Celebrates the Wonderful Women of Milwaukee County

Milwaukee – In honor of Women’s History Month, County Board Chairwoman Marcelia Nicholson is commending the many incredible women working to better the lives of Milwaukee County residents.

“The strong, driven women working at Milwaukee County deserve our praise and admiration for all they do to push our community forward to become healthier, stronger and more equitable,” said Chairwoman Nicholson. “I thank every one of them for their daily contributions. I know firsthand that for many women in the workforce there’s no such thing as a day off.”

A historic number of women of color have been appointed to lead Milwaukee County departments over the past year including Sherri Jordan, Interim Director of Administrative Services; Chantell Jewell, Superintendent of the House of Corrections; Shakita LaGrant-McClain, Director of Health and Human Services; Cassandra Libal, Director of the Office of Emergency Management; and Margo Franklin, Chief Human Resources Officer. More than half of Milwaukee County’s department heads are women.

“I applaud the record number of women leading departments at Milwaukee County,” said Chairwoman Nicholson. “These women are setting the standard for realizing our vision of achieving racial equity and becoming the healthiest county in the state. But I would also like to recognize all of the women working on the frontlines such as bus operators, corrections officers and nurses who ensure county services run smoothly and make a direct positive impact on our neighbors’ lives every day.”

Department heads aren’t the only women leaders among County employees. Women who make Milwaukee County proud for going above and beyond to serve the public can be found in every department, at every level of responsibility.

Women working for Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) have earned the MCTS Excellence Award in recent years for acts of service such as [rescuing a baby from a freeway overpass](#), [finding lost children](#) and [surprising a 10-year-old boy with a new bike](#).

Kristine Rodriguez, a Milwaukee County Sheriff’s Deputy, was awarded the 2020 [AAA Wisconsin Traffic Safety Law Enforcement Award](#) at Milwaukee’s 71st Annual Crime Prevention Awards.

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