



2023 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 116

February 13, 2024 - Introduced by Senators FEYEN, AGARD, BALLWEG, LARSON, MARKLEIN, ROYS, SPREITZER and WIRCH, cosponsored by Representatives GUSTAFSON, EMERSON, ANDRACA, BARE, BEHNKE, CONLEY, DITTRICH, DRAKE, JACOBSON, JOERS, MELOTIK, MURSAU, O'CONNOR, PALMERI, PETRYK, RATCLIFF, SHANKLAND, SHELTON, SINICKI, STUBBS and SUBECK. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

Relating to: declaring March 3, 2024, to March 9, 2024, as Women in Construction

Week and celebrating the countless contributions of women in construction.

Whereas, the economic impact of Wisconsin's construction industry totaled over \$50 billion in economic output and contributed over \$27 billion to the state's GDP, according to the University of Colorado Boulder Leeds School of Business; and

Whereas, an estimated 400,000 new skilled workers are needed nationwide to fill construction jobs; and

Whereas, one in five construction workers in Wisconsin is 55 or older, making the need to fill construction jobs here even more dire; and

Whereas, women make up nearly 48 percent of the Wisconsin workforce, but only 9 percent of the Wisconsin construction industry workforce, which is below the national average of 14 percent; and

Whereas, jobs in the construction industry offer long-term, family-supporting careers; and

Whereas, national Women in Construction Week highlights the incredible initiatives and work of women within the construction industry; and

Whereas, national Women in Construction Week is observed to show our appreciation to those women who have contributed to the construction industry, while encouraging others to make the same commitment; and

Whereas, by helping to raise awareness of the available opportunities for women in the construction industry, the numbers and achievements of women in the construction industry can continue to grow; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the members of the Wisconsin Legislature join in declaring March 3, 2024, to March 9, 2024 as Women in Construction Week and celebrating the countless contributions of women currently in the construction industry and those who paved the way.

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