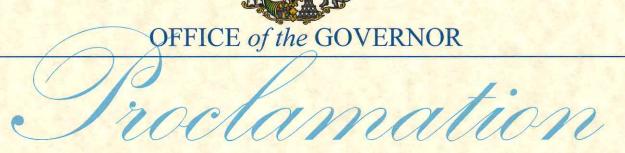
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WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin is home to more than 142,400 women-owned businesses, representing one-third of all businesses in the state; and

WHEREAS; women-owned business are also job creators, employing 168,000 fellow citizens and injecting more than \$4 billion payroll dollars and \$2 billion in annual revenues into the state and local economies; and

WHEREAS; by starting and sustaining businesses, exploring markets, creating jobs, and stimulating economic growth, Wisconsin's women business owners play a leading role in the state's economy; and

WHEREAS; the Women's Council and the Wisconsin Department of Administration's Supplier Diversity Program both work to advance state priorities on business/job creation and support women's business ownership in Wisconsin;

WHEREAS; we salute and congratulate today's women business owners who inspire the next generation of women business owners to follow their entrepreneurial passions and dreams;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the state of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim October 2016 as

## WOMEN'S SMALL BUSINESS MONTH

throughout the state of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the state of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the city of Madison this 29<sup>th</sup> day of

SCOTT WALKER GOVERNOR

September 2016.



By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State