



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER #83

Relating to a Proclamation Honoring Chief Justice Shirley Abrahamson

WHEREAS, the Honorable Chief Justice Shirley Abrahamson was appointed to the Wisconsin Supreme Court in 1976, becoming the first female Justice to serve on the court and later, in 1996, our state's first female Chief Justice;

WHEREAS, following her appointment to the court, Justice Abrahamson was reelected four times and served for 43 years – including 19 years as Chief Justice – which makes her the longest serving Supreme Court Justice in the history of our state;

WHEREAS, over the course of her extraordinary tenure, Justice Abrahamson issued hundreds of opinions and dissents, and never wavered from her sworn commitment to impartiality, the protection of individual rights, and the equal application of justice;

WHEREAS, having served as the only woman on the Supreme Court until 1993, Justice Abrahamson worked diligently throughout her career to diversify the field of law and broaden the circle of voices represented within the justice system, expanding volunteer opportunities and furthering public education programs across Wisconsin;

WHEREAS, this year, as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage in the United States, we are called to reflect on the legacy of trailblazing women, like Justice Abrahamson, who have served our country with honor and distinction and who provide inspiration to generations of American women; and

WHEREAS, I am honored to join the Wisconsin Historical Society in celebrating Justice Abrahamson and the countless contributions she has made to our state as a lawyer, professor of law, and prominent member of our Supreme Court.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TONY EVERS, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the State, hereby recognize Chief Justice Shirley Abrahamson's service to the State of Wisconsin. The State of Wisconsin honors her legacy by naming the Wisconsin Historical Society Library Reading Room the Chief Justice Shirley Abrahamson Reading Room.



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 third day of August in the year of two thousand twenty.

Tony Evers

TONY EVERS
Governor

By the Governor:

Douglas La Follette
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State