

State of Misconsin 2023 - 2024 LEGISLATURE

## **2023 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 23**

March 24, 2023 – Introduced by Representatives Steffen, Brooks, Green, GUNDRUM, KITCHENS, KNODL, MURPHY, NOVAK, PETERSEN, RETTINGER, SPIROS, SUBECK, TITTL and TRANEL, cosponsored by Senators Bradley, NASS, TESTIN and FELZKOWSKI. Referred to Committee on Rules.

\*\*\*AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE\*\*\*

1	<b>Relating to:</b> honoring the public service of Commissioner Ellen Nowak.
2	Whereas, Ellen Nowak was first appointed to the Public Service Commission
3	of Wisconsin in July 2011 and reconfirmed for a full six-year term beginning on
4	March 1, 2013; and
5	Whereas, Ellen Nowak was named Chairperson of the Public Service
6	Commission in March of 2015; and
7	Whereas, Ellen Nowak was appointed Secretary of the Department of
8	Administration in March of 2018, the second woman to ever hold the top appointed
9	position in Wisconsin state government; and
10	Whereas, Ellen Nowak was reappointed to the Public Service Commission in
11	January 2019; and
12	Whereas, Ellen Nowak has been a nationally recognized leader during her
13	nearly 11 years of service on the Public Service Commission, serving in leadership
14	roles for the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC),
15	including being elected as NARUC president; and

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1	Whereas, Ellen Nowak's expertise on energy and utility regulation has been
2	sought out by members of Congress and international organizations; and
3	Whereas, Ellen Nowak has served as a mentor for young female regulators in
4	Europe and Eurasia; and
5	Whereas, Ellen Nowak has helped ensure reliable and affordable energy for all
6	of Wisconsin's citizens and businesses; and
7	Whereas, Ellen Nowak had a long career as a public servant prior to her time
8	with the Public Service Commission, including service as chief of staff to the
9	Waukesha County Executive and chief of staff to the Assembly Speaker; and
10	Whereas, Ellen Nowak has been an active volunteer for several charities,
11	including her church, a local hospice facility, and the World Orphan Fund; and
12	Whereas, Ellen Nowak has been an exemplary public servant for most of her
13	adult life; now, therefore, be it
14	<b>Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That</b> the members of the
15	Wisconsin Legislature thank Ellen Nowak for her faithful and exemplary service to
16	the state and wish her well in her future endeavors.
17	(END)