



State of Wisconsin
2023 - 2024 LEGISLATURE

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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.

AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

- 1 **Relating to:** declaring March 3, 2024, to March 9, 2024, as Women in Construction
2 Week and celebrating the countless contributions of women in construction.
3 Whereas, the economic impact of Wisconsin's construction industry totaled over
4 \$50 billion in economic output and contributed over \$27 billion to the state's GDP,
5 according to the University of Colorado Boulder Leeds School of Business; and
6 Whereas, an estimated 400,000 new skilled workers are needed nationwide to
7 fill construction jobs; and
8 Whereas, one in five construction workers in Wisconsin is 55 or older, making
9 the need to fill construction jobs here even more dire; and
10 Whereas, women make up nearly 48 percent of the Wisconsin workforce, but
11 only 9 percent of the Wisconsin construction industry workforce, which is below the
12 national average of 14 percent; and
13 Whereas, jobs in the construction industry offer long-term, family-supporting
14 careers; and

