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2019 Brings Largest Cohort of Women Legislators in nearly Two Decades
New Factsheet on Women in the Wisconsin State Legislature

December 4, 2018 (Madison, WI) A new factsheet from the Wisconsin Women's Council finds the 2019 Wisconsin State Legislature will convene with the largest cohort female legislators since 2003. Downloadable at <http://womenscouncil.wi.gov>.

Thirty-six women will serve in the 2019-20 Session, holding 27.3% of total seats, with eight seats in the Senate and 28 in the Assembly. This represents a noteworthy change bringing the share of women legislators back over one-quarter – from a 2018 pre-election level of 24.2% of seats and 23.5% at the start of the 2017-18 Session. Despite the gain, the share of seats in Wisconsin's legislature held by women is near, but still below, the historic high of 28.0% in 2003 and 1989.

State Senate. Women will hold eight of 33 seats (24%) in the State Senate, down from nine seats (27%) prior to the November election. The 2019 Senate will welcome Kathy Bernier, elected to the Senate from the State Assembly.

State Assembly. Women will hold 28 of 99 seats (28%) in the State Assembly, a net increase of five seats from 23 seats prior to the November election. The 2019 Assembly will welcome new-elected female Representatives Marisabel Cabrera, Barbara Dittrich, Jodi Emerson, Gae Magnafici, Lakeshia Meyers, and Robin Vining.

Results of the November 2018 General Election were certified and published by the Wisconsin Elections Commission, December 3, 2018 (<http://elections.wi.gov>).

About the Women's Council

The Wisconsin Women's Council, established in 1983, is Wisconsin's statutory commission on the status of women and girls. The Council promotes initiatives that empower women, serves as a clearinghouse for information on programs and resources, provides research and advocacy, and promotes unique partnerships to address barriers and inequalities affecting Wisconsin women. The Council operates under the guidance of a 15-Member Board appointed by the Governor and Legislative leaders. For more information about the Wisconsin Women's Council, visit our web site at <http://womenscouncil.wi.gov>.