

WisDems Celebrate National Women's History Month

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MADISON, Wis. — In honor of National Women's History Month, Democratic Party of Wisconsin Chair Ben Wikler and Second Vice Chair Lee Snodgrass released the following statements:

Democratic Party of Wisconsin Second Vice-Chair Lee Snodgrass:

"Today marks the start of National Women's History Month, a time to celebrate the remarkable women who have contributed so much to our state and country and reflect on the progress women have made to advance gender equality and move our nation forward.

This year in Wisconsin, Women's History Month provides stark contrast to our progressive past. Wisconsin can take pride in our role as the first state to ratify the 19th Amendment extending white women the right to vote. In 2023 we are still breaking barriers for women, especially BIPOC women, that should have shattered long ago. The work to achieve true equality and opportunity for all women regardless of race, age, identity, and sexual orientation is ongoing, not the least of which is the fight for reproductive rights. Still, Wisconsin women are undeterred and we have plenty of role models to inspire us along the way."

Democratic Party of Wisconsin Chair Ben Wikler:

"We are always proud to celebrate the countless women who have made our state strong and our world a better place. From heroes like Mildred Fish-Harnack, who fought the Nazis, to trailblazers like Ada Deer and Vel Phillips, who shattered barriers in Wisconsin politics, to those like Senator Tammy Baldwin and Lieutenant Governor Sara Rodriguez who carry on their legacies and forge new ground today, women have shaped Wisconsin's history for the better.

"However, we've added a new and darker chapter to this story since we last honored National Women's History Month—a chapter in which the rights of so many women across the country

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have been stripped away, including here in Wisconsin, where the archaic 1849 near-total abortion ban hangs over our heads.

“This year, we’re honoring National Women’s History Month with action as we work to elect Judge Janet Protasiewicz to the state Supreme Court and continue the fight to restore reproductive freedom in Wisconsin.”