



Proclamation

Presented this 7th day of March 2023

WHEREAS, Women Employed is a nonprofit organization based in Chicago that has radically shaped the history of working women in Illinois and nationwide - opening doors, creating fairer workplaces, and improving the economic status of women, families, and communities since their founding in 1973; and,

WHEREAS, Women Employed is celebrating their 50th anniversary in 2023, representing 50 years of improving the economic status of women and removing barriers to economic equity; and,

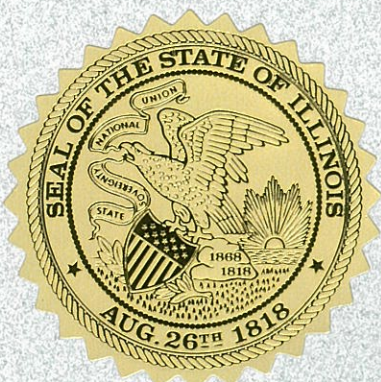
WHEREAS, Women Employed is part of nearly every significant advancement for working women in Illinois, including helping to win the Illinois Equal Pay Act and it's No Salary History amendment, Illinois Anti-Workplace Harassment law and other protections against sexual harassment and secure funding for the Monetary Award Program so more low-income students can access college; and,

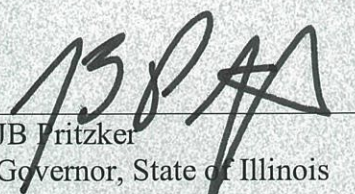
WHEREAS, helping to continually raise the minimum wage, establish the Illinois Council on Women and Girls and the Illinois Pregnancy Accommodation Law to ensure pregnant workers have the job protections they need and child care funding for low-income student parents in Illinois, Women Employed continues to develop and launch innovative career pathways programs to ensure more women can access family-sustaining careers with workforce value; and,

WHEREAS, Women Employed bold social goal is to close the wealth gap at the intersection of gender and race; and,

WHEREAS, Women Employed continues to shape progress for working women in Illinois, launching innovative programs, and advocating to improve job quality, increase access to and improve racial equity in higher ed, support women entrepreneurs, help employers build equitable workplaces, and more;

THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, join Women Employed in celebrating Women's History Month and recognize the outstanding work of this organization.




JB Pritzker
Governor, State of Illinois