



2025 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 8

February 12, 2025 - Introduced by Senators SMITH, L. JOHNSON, CARPENTER, PFAFF, RATCLIFF, ROYS, SPREITZER, WIRCH, HESSELBEIN and LARSON, cosponsored by Representatives EMERSON, PHELPS, MOORE OMOKUNDE, ANDRACA, ARNEY, BARE, BROWN, CLANCY, DOYLE, FITZGERALD, GOODWIN, HONG, HYSELL, J. JACOBSON, JOERS, JOHNSON, KIRSCH, MADISON, MAYADEV, MIRESE, ORTIZ-VELEZ, PALMERI, PRADO, RIVERA-WAGNER, ROE, SHEEHAN, SINICKI, SNODGRASS, STUBBS, SUBECK, TENORIO, UDELL, VINING and TAYLOR. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** proclaiming February 4, 2025, as Transit Equity Day.

2 Whereas, Rosa Parks was an iconic figure in the movements for social justice
3 and racial equality and played a major role in the inception of the Civil Rights
4 Movement that ended legal segregation in the United States; and

5 Whereas, the immediate focus of Rosa Parks's historic protest was the
6 unequal access of African Americans to public transit; and

7 Whereas, unequal access to public transit based on race, income, and
8 disability has persisted to this day; and

9 Whereas, paratransit is a necessary component for any public transit system
10 to ensure accessibility for people with disabilities who require it, and any expansion
11 of public transit necessitates further strengthening of paratransit so that it is
12 minimally held to the same reliability and timelines standards as other parts of the
13 system; and

14 Whereas, the required expansion of public transit to address the climate crisis

1 provides an unprecedented opportunity to continue the tradition of Rosa Parks and
2 the Civil Rights Movement by ensuring that transit systems are affordable and
3 accessible and that people of color, economically disadvantaged people, people with
4 disabilities, and other marginalized populations have full access to the benefits of
5 public transit; and

6 Whereas, the expansion of public transit provides an unprecedented
7 opportunity to create a large number of good, environmentally sustainable, high-
8 skill, family-supporting transit operation jobs, as well as construction jobs for
9 building new transit facilities; and

10 Whereas, increased community access to public transit reduces racial,
11 economic, and other disparities while building mobile equity within the community;
12 now, therefore, be it

13 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the day of
14 February 4, 2025, shall be designated as Transit Equity Day in Wisconsin.

15 (END)