

WHEREAS; with its bountiful natural resources, including 84,000 miles of rivers and streams, approximately 800 miles of Great Lakes shoreline, more than 15,000 inland freshwater lakes, and five million acres of wetlands, Wisconsin is home to a vast and valuable array of natural resources and the state is committed to defending and preserving these vital habitats and natural spaces; and

WHEREAS; signed by the Wisconsin State Legislature in 1965, the Wisconsin Wild Rivers Act officially designated the Pike, Pine, and Popple rivers, as well as portions of the Brunswailer and Totogatic rivers, as “wild rivers” to preserve and protect these significant natural waterways; and

WHEREAS; stewardship of the Wild Rivers is shared by landowners, local governing bodies, and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), all of whom remain dedicated to preserving the wild and scenic qualities of wild rivers in communities across the state; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsinites and visitors can enjoy these wild rivers by hiking the terrain, paddling their quiet and fast stretches of water, studying their unique geology, exploring their varied habitats, photographing the beautiful waterfalls, and connecting with the natural surroundings of the state’s wild river ecosystems; and

WHEREAS; on the 60th anniversary of the Wisconsin Wild Rivers Act, all Wisconsinites are encouraged to take time to appreciate the state’s unique and beautiful wild rivers and renew the state’s shared commitment to protecting Wisconsin’s vast and valuable natural resources; and

WHEREAS; on this occasion, the state of Wisconsin joins agencies, organizations, and the countless volunteers dedicated to the stewardship of Wisconsin’s waterways in celebrating 60 years of the Wild Rivers Act and promoting strategic and data-informed conservation efforts to keep the state’s waters healthy and ensure these natural areas continue to benefit all Wisconsinites and visitors to the state for years to come;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim January 1 through December 31 2025 as

**60TH ANNIVERSARY OF WISCONSIN WILD  
RIVERS ACT**

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state’s residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 6th day of June 2025.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State