WHEREAS; on July 4, 1776, the United States of America was formally recognized as a nation after the ratification of the Declaration of Independence and remains a beacon of freedom, strength, and fortitude to this day; and

WHEREAS; from ushering in transformative scientific breakthroughs that have changed the course of human history to serving as leaders in some of the most prolific social movements, the United States of America is home to some of the world's greatest leaders, scientists, innovators, advocates, artists, performers, and so much more; and

WHEREAS; the American Dream represents the belief that each individual, regardless of race, age, ability, identity, or religion, should have equal opportunity to achieve prosperity through hard work and persistence; and

WHEREAS; the history of America is the history of the generations of people from every corner of the globe who have chosen to make the United States of America their home, helping to form and fundamentally enrich the unique and diverse character of the country; and

WHEREAS; for every great achievement in American history, it is also important to recognize the cost at which progress has been made as well as the history of oppression, injustice, and hardship that is fundamental to understanding the story of America; and

WHEREAS; this month, in reflecting on the collective past of the state and nation, the state of Wisconsin joins Wisconsinites in honoring American history and the shared values on which the country was founded of life, liberty, and equality for all;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim February 2025 as

AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

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 14th day of February 2025.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State