

WHEREAS; whether through art, science, business, politics, or any other field or facet of society, Black Wisconsinites have played a pivotal role in the development of the state, bolstering Wisconsin culture, the workforce, and the economy and helping to make Wisconsin the state it is today; and

WHEREAS; recognized during the month of February, Black History Month is a celebration of the countless contributions of Black Americans throughout the state and nation's history, as well as an opportunity to reflect on and recognize the collective struggle for full citizenship, equity, inclusion, and justice that Black Americans have endured and continue to endure to this day; and

WHEREAS; as designated by the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, this year's Black History Month theme is "African Americans and Labor," which focuses on the profound ways that labor has impacted and intersected with the collective and lived experiences of Black people and communities across the state and country, including the exploitation of Black labor and the work of labor activists to combat this exploitation, as well as wage and employment discrimination; and

WHEREAS; in reflecting on the collective past of the state and nation, it is clear that the crimes and struggles of our ancestors cannot be separated from our modern history and that many of the injustices and inequities that Black Americans have historically endured have nevertheless remained deeply entrenched in our culture and institutions; and

WHEREAS; during Black History Month and every month, the state of Wisconsin reaffirms its commitment to working alongside community leaders and activists to build a future for the state that works for everyone, celebrates everyone, and welcomes everyone and to find strength in unity to overcome the gaps and disparities that can so often hold communities back; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in celebrating Black history and Black excellence, in demanding justice and equity for Black lives across the state and country, and in honoring the important work being done in Wisconsin's communities to create a more inclusive, equitable, and just state for all, where every kid, family, and community can thrive;

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

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

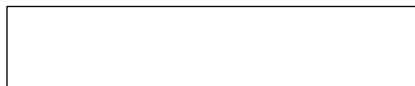
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state's residents.

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 31st day of January 2025.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State