

WHEREAS; following the end of the American Revolutionary War and the creation of the Wisconsin Territory, the state of Wisconsin was admitted to the Union on May 29, 1848; and

WHEREAS; nicknamed the “Badger State” for the early settlers who mined the hills and slept in underground shelters and “America’s Dairyland” for the state’s more than \$45 billion dairy industry, Wisconsin likely gets its official name from the Wisconsin River and a term in Indigenous languages used to describe the river and the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS; originally adopted in 1863 and having undergone several iterations before reaching its current design, Wisconsin’s state flag bears the motto “Forward” and a coat of arms depicting the industries of navigation, manufacturing, mining, and agriculture that serve as the foundation of the state’s cultural and economic livelihood; and

WHEREAS; home to world-famous cheeses and champion sports teams and boasting a long-standing commitment to education, labor activism, and conservation efforts, the state of Wisconsin has made countless contributions to the overall fabric of the nation since achieving statehood 176 years ago; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin’s natural beauty and opportunities for outdoor recreation cannot be overstated, with approximately 800 miles of Great Lakes shoreline, more than 15,000 lakes, and tens of thousands of acres of state parks that draw visitors from around the world; and

WHEREAS; through times of hardship and prosperity alike, Wisconsinites have never failed to embody their shared values of kindness, empathy, respect, and compassion; and

WHEREAS; in recognizing Wisconsin’s heritage, it is essential to acknowledge and honor the 12 Native Nations who have inhabited this region since time immemorial and without whom the state would not be what it is today; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in celebrating the hardworking individuals of Wisconsin’s past and looks forward to a prosperous future that the people of Wisconsin will achieve by moving forward together;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim February 15 2024 as

NATIONAL WISCONSIN DAY

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 11th day of January 2024.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State