

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 \$52 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; initially 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, as well as 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 178 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 over 307,000 acres of public land, including state parks, forests, trails, and recreation areas, that draw visitors from around the world; 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, without whom the state would not be what it is today; and

WHEREAS; having welcomed people and communities from around the globe who have proudly made Wisconsin their home and contributed to the state’s overall well-being and success for generations, through times of hardship and prosperity alike, Wisconsinites have continuously embodied the shared values of kindness, empathy, respect, and compassion; 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 2026 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 27th day of January 2026.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State