

WHEREAS; agriculture is a major economic driver in Wisconsin, contributing \$104.8 billion and 435,700 jobs each year to the state's economy; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin's agriculture industry provides job opportunities in many different areas, from information technology to business management to marketing to farming, processing, and more; and

WHEREAS; agricultural education is a key component of the education system in Wisconsin, enhancing the social, economic, and environmental well-being of the state; and

WHEREAS; FFA is a dynamic, student-led organization with over 900,000 members across more than 9,000 chapters nationwide that prepares its members for leadership, personal growth, and career success in a variety of fields through agricultural education; and

WHEREAS; FFA members have the opportunity to participate in a comprehensive program in agricultural education, including classroom instruction, supervised agricultural experiences that provide career skills and hands-on training, and leadership development; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection and the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction in commending the more than 25,000 members of the Wisconsin Association of FFA for their dedication to leadership, growth, and the advancement of agricultural education in the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim February 17 – 24 2024 as

FFA WEEK

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 5th day of January 2024.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State