WHEREAS; Wisconsin has a proud history of maple syrup production and is home to a thriving community of industry professionals who produce hundreds of thousands of gallons of maple syrup every year; and

WHEREAS; underscoring Wisconsin's deep connection and commitment to the maple syrup industry, the sugar maple has been the official state tree since 1949; and

WHEREAS; with thousands of maple producers operating over 1 million taps, Wisconsin ranks fourth among the leading maple syrup-producing states in the nation and is a leader in the value of maple syrup production, yielding a significant economic impact to the state each year, according to data from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA); and

WHEREAS; according to the USDA, Wisconsinites produced 458,000 gallons of maple syrup in 2024, contributing directly to the economic, culinary, and cultural values of the state; and

WHEREAS; the first "tree tapping" of the year in Wisconsin will take place at Bear Paw Sugar Bush in Mountain, Wisconsin, on March 22, 2025; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins maple producers and industry professionals in recognizing the significant historical, economic, and cultural impact of maple syrup production in Wisconsin;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim March 15 through April 15 2025 as

## MAPLE MONTH

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

	ave hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 6th day of March
TONY EVERS, Governor	
By the Governor:	
SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary	of State