WHEREAS; Wisconsin's agricultural industry is a vital part of the state culture and economy, contributing over \$116 billion, with roughly one in 10 employed Wisconsinites holding a job related to agriculture; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin is on its way to becoming a top 10 state for agricultural exports thanks to the hard work of producers, processors, and agribusinesses, as well as robust state support of programs like the Wisconsin Initiative for Agricultural Exports; and

WHEREAS; according to the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP), the past four years of the state's exports have been reported as the top four years on record, with 2024 being the second-highest year on record, touting almost \$4 billion in food, forestry, and agriculture product exports to over 150 countries; and

WHEREAS; to promote and ensure a fair marketplace for Wisconsin farmers and producers, both domestically and abroad—efforts that are more important than ever to supporting farmer's well-being as communities continue to navigate and prepare for the impacts of tumultuous trade wars across all levels of industry—DATCP and the International Agribusiness Center work with agribusinesses across the state on trade missions, in-bound buyers missions, export guidelines, and resources for those already exporting or aiming to export food, forestry, and agricultural products; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins DATCP, in partnership with farmers, producers, and agribusinesses across the state, in celebrating Agriculture Trade Day, reaffirming the state's commitment to supporting Wisconsin's farmers and their families and recognizing the important role that the agriculture industry plays in ensuring the state's economic, environmental, and cultural prosperity;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim March 19 2025 as

AGRICULTURE TRADE 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 17th day of March 2025.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State