

WHEREAS; community banks and bankers are committed to the long-term economic well-being of their local residents and communities and are deeply involved in the unique needs, causes, and cultures of the regions they serve; and

WHEREAS; since the early days of Wisconsin's statehood, community banks have served their local communities, helping them to grow and prosper; and

WHEREAS; originally established by residents to support new businesses, employers, farmers, and homeowners, community banks in Wisconsin continue to play a significant role in stimulating local economic development, providing financially sound and reliable support to new and expanding businesses, and assisting in the pursuit of new opportunities and technologies; and

WHEREAS; community banks are among the most well-capitalized and well-managed financial institutions in the country, enabling Wisconsinites and people across the nation to acquire and maintain secure and reliable home mortgages; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin recognizes community banks for their countless contributions to the economic strength and prosperity of local communities across the state;

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

## **COMMUNITY BANKING MONTH**

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 March 2024.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State