

WHEREAS; every year, National Homeownership Month is observed during the month of June as a time to encourage homeownership, celebrate its many benefits, and call attention to the institutional barriers that persist and prevent many folks and families from buying a home; and

WHEREAS; while homeownership provides strength and stability to neighborhoods and communities across Wisconsin, homeownership is not currently accessible to every Wisconsinite and economic inequality, discriminatory lending practices, lack of homebuying understanding and information, and a shortage of affordable housing have resulted in a housing market that disadvantages low-income communities and communities of color, in particular; and

WHEREAS; addressing barriers to homeownership is critical to creating a state and country where all individuals and families can achieve economic stability, build wealth, and—most importantly—have a roof over their heads; and

WHEREAS; homes are more than just residences, allowing safe spaces for personal growth, life’s greatest moments, and the ideal of the “American Dream;” and

WHEREAS; since its founding, the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority (WHEDA) has helped more than 138,000 families purchase a home, facilitating statewide affordable housing and enhancing opportunities for every individual to have a place to call home; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins housing organizations across the public and private sectors, including Habitat for Humanity of Wisconsin and WHEDA, in celebrating the tremendous benefits of homeownership and working towards affordable and sustainable homeownership for all;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim June 2023 as

## **NATIONAL HOMEOWNERSHIP 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 31st day of May 2023.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State