

WHEREAS; invasive plants and animals threaten Wisconsin's waters and wild lands by crowding out and destroying native plants and animals, and by disrupting complex habitat systems that evolved over millennia; and

WHEREAS; invasive species also threaten the productivity and economic viability of Wisconsin's agricultural lands by creating overwhelming competition with crops; and

WHEREAS; humans have created conditions that support the aggressive invasion and domination of natural areas and bodies of water by invasive species by introducing exotic species, disrupting natural processes and ecosystems by changing the environmental conditions, and inadvertently spreading invasive species by carrying seeds on footwear or clothing, importing firewood, or moving watercraft from waterbody to waterbody without proper cleaning; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin's agricultural lands are vital to the economic livelihood and health of folks across the state, and Wisconsin's waters and wild lands draw countless tourists and recreational users to the state each year, creating vital economic activity that supports communities across the state; and

WHEREAS; millions of dollars, both public and private, are spent each year on the control of invasive plant and animal species in Wisconsin's waters, wild lands, agricultural lands, and urban areas, and in 2002, state agencies joined with private partners in forming the Wisconsin Invasive Species Council, which conducts studies and provides recommendations to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to control invasive species; and

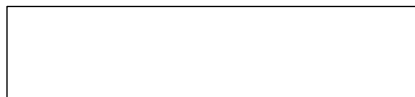
WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins the DNR, along with local businesses, conservation and recreational groups, community organizations, and dedicated advocates in taking action against the introduction and spread of invasive species;

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

INVASIVE SPECIES ACTION 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 10th day of May 2024.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State