

WHEREAS; for folks and families across Wisconsin, homeownership helps provide community stability and a sense of security, and it’s important 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 can cause significant disadvantages for low-income communities and communities of color, in particular; and

WHEREAS; expanding homeownership opportunity is critical to creating a state and country where all individuals and families can access a safe, affordable place to live, work, raise a family, achieve economic stability, build wealth, and—most importantly—have a foundation to achieve their true potential; and

WHEREAS; since 1972, the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority (WHEDA) has provided resources and tools to create more inclusive housing opportunities and has helped more than 141,800 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 WHEDA and housing organizations across the public and private sectors 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 2026 as

WISCONSIN 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 29th day of May 2026.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State