

WHEREAS; the city of Fort Atkinson is home to the largest public Intersectional Hybrid Peony Garden in North America, the Roger F. and Sandra L. Anderson Intersectional Peony Garden, which is located at the Hoard Historical Museum; and

WHEREAS; the Anderson Intersectional Peony Garden features 58 individually named hybrid peonies honoring important leaders in Fort Atkinson’s history, including Mary C. Hoard and W. D. Hoard; and

WHEREAS; the city of Fort Atkinson was the long-time home of Roger F. and Sandra L. Anderson, who established their hybrid peony business, Callie’s Beaux Jardins, in 1978; and

WHEREAS; Roger F. Anderson continually innovated and advanced the hybrid peony business worldwide for more than 45 years, beginning in the early 1960s, blooming nearly 600 hybrid peony varieties and breaking many hybridizing barriers; and

WHEREAS; intersectional peonies are a cross between traditional peonies and tree peonies, and Roger created his to have woody stems and upright, non-drooping flowers, to be disease resistant, and to die in the fall by taking characteristics from both traditional and tree peonies; and

WHEREAS; the city of Fort Atkinson is the home of Anderson’s acclaimed “Bartzella” Intersectional Peony, which first bloomed in 1986 after 15 years of work and is considered “the most perfect yellow peony in the world,” having received the American Peony Society Gold Medal Award and the Royal Horticultural Society Award of Garden Merit in 2012;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim June 3, 2023, as

## **FORT ATKINSON “INTERSECTIONAL PEONY CITY” 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of June 2023.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State