

# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*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