

# STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

## Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; Wisconsin proudly wears the title of “America’s Dairyland,” as producing and consuming cheese is deeply intertwined into the culture and identity of the state; and

*WHEREAS*; Lake Mills resident, Anne Pickett, established one of Wisconsin’s first known cheese factories in 1841, and today, there are approximately 1,200 licensed cheesemakers throughout the state; and

*WHEREAS*; in 2022, Wisconsin cheesemakers produced 3.52 billion pounds of cheese in over 600 varieties, accounting for around a quarter of all cheese produced in the United States and leading the nation in the production of specialty cheeses; and

*WHEREAS*; if Wisconsin were a country, it would rank fourth in the world in total cheese production, behind the rest of the United States, Germany, and France; and

*WHEREAS*; Wisconsin has claimed thousands of awards for its world-class cheese over the years and won 54 Best of Class titles at the 2023 United States Championship Cheese Contest; and

*WHEREAS*; dairy farming is the state’s past, present, and will be a key part of its future, and whether it is baked, fried, squeaky, shredded, or sliced, Wisconsin cheese is adored by folks here in Wisconsin and all over the world; and

*WHEREAS*; today, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in recognizing the state’s committed cheesemakers, dairy farmers, and all members of the dairy industry for their vital contributions to Wisconsin’s cultural and economic livelihood;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim June 4, 2023, as

## NATIONAL CHEESE 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