

WHEREAS; proudly wearing the title of “America’s Dairyland,” Wisconsin’s culture and identity are deeply intertwined with the production and consumption of cheese; and

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

WHEREAS; in 2025, Wisconsin cheesemakers produced 3.64 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; dairy farming is an integral part of 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 in Wisconsin and the world over; 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 2026 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 29th day of May 2026.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State