WHEREAS; the American Legion's Badger Boys State Program is conducting its 80th session in June 2023 at the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire welcoming nearly 900 young leaders from around the state; and

WHEREAS; the program has the cooperation and support of the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, as well as high schools throughout Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS; since its inception, the Badger Boys State Program has afforded high school students the opportunity to participate in a hands-on experience in city, county, and state government; and

WHEREAS; by helping youth learn and grow to become more active and engaged citizens, Badger Boys State has played a positive role in the education and subsequent selection of professional goals of many of its former participants;

> NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim June 11 through 17 2023 as

BADGER BOYS STATE WEEK

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 9th day of June 2023.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State