

STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; nicknamed Old Glory, the Stars and Stripes, Red, White, and Blue, and the Star-Spangled Banner, the flag of the United States of America was officially adopted as the country's national flag by resolution of the Second Continental Congress on June 14, 1777; and

WHEREAS; on June 14, 1885, Bernard John Cigrand—a teacher at the Stony Hill School in Waubeka, Wisconsin—displayed an American flag in his classroom and instructed his students to write essays reflecting on what it meant to them, which has become known as the first formal observance of Flag Day in the United States; and

WHEREAS; inspired by Cigrand, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation in 1916 establishing June 14 as Flag Day across the nation; and

WHEREAS; in 1949, President Harry Truman signed an Act of Congress officially recognizing the holiday under Title 36 of the United States Code; and

WHEREAS; on June 14, 2004, the 108th United States Congress passed House Resolution 662 recognizing Ozaukee County as the birthplace of Flag Day; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites and folks across the nation in displaying, learning about, reflecting on, and celebrating the history and contemporary significance of the flag of the United States of America;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim June 14, 2023, as

FLAG 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 9th day of June 2023.

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI
Secretary of State