WHEREAS; Muslims make up nearly 25 percent of the global population, and Islam is the world's fastest-growing religion; and

WHEREAS; Muslims around the world, and in the United States specifically, constitute a racially and culturally diverse group that is bound together by a shared belief in diversity as strength and unity as power; and

WHEREAS; while Muslims make substantial contributions to virtually every aspect of society, including business, academia, law, healthcare, the military, and more, the history and contributions of Muslim Americans are often neglected or defaced by prejudice, discrimination, xenophobia, and Islamophobia; and

WHEREAS; on this occasion, we recommit ourselves to standing against hate and injustice in all forms and to combatting anti-Muslim rhetoric through awareness, education, community, and meaningful action; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin is home to a vibrant Muslim community that plays an essential role in forming and enriching the unique character of the state and the nation; and

WHEREAS; on this occasion, the state of Wisconsin joins Wisconsinites of all faiths and backgrounds in celebrating our Muslim friends and neighbors and the cultural and religious heritage of the Muslim community;

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

MUSLIM AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our state's residents.

•	e at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 13th day of July 2023
TONY EVERS, Governor	
By the Governor:	
SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary	y of State