WHEREAS; Muslims make up approximately 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 every aspect of society—including medicine, law, business, education, technology, government, military service, and culture—the history and contributions of Muslim Americans are often neglected or defaced by prejudice, discrimination, xenophobia, and Islamophobia; and

WHEREAS; hate, injustice, and anti-Muslim rhetoric in all forms must be dispelled through education, awareness, and meaningful action so that the rich and vibrant Muslim community in Wisconsin and across the nation can continue to thrive; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in denouncing all forms of hate, embracing diversity, celebrating the many contributions of Muslim Americans across the state and country, and working towards a Wisconsin that is a safe, diverse, welcoming, tolerant, and inclusive place for all;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim July 2024 as

MUSLIM AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

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 19th day of June 2024.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State