

WHEREAS; Wisconsin is a state that boasts a wide variety of unique natural resources, from expansive wetlands and ancient beds of wild rice to historic forests, clean air, and vibrant tallgrass prairies; and

WHEREAS; the practice of caring for these natural resources is rooted in the cultural practices of Indigenous people, and the Native Nations that call Wisconsin home are the original stewards of the land and water of the state; and

WHEREAS; Indigenous environmentalists and environmental entities, including activists Walter Bresette and Joe Rose, the Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission, and countless others, have all played a significant part in the state's long history of environmental stewardship and preservation; and

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin and Native Nations continue to work together to prioritize the sustainable cultivation of healthy terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems and to ensure that the Earth and resources utilized for food, recreation, and spiritual retreat are protected and respected; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin proudly reaffirms its commitment to working with Native Nations to foster a better understanding of climate change and to develop solutions that will lead to the preservation of cultural resources, along with improved ecosystem function and means of sustainable food production; and

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin recognizes Native Nations' dedication to food sovereignty, rooted in a deep respect for land and water resources, and remains committed to protecting the ability of Tribal communities to produce and prepare food through traditional means of harvesting, fishing, hunting, and gathering, and to give young people the opportunity to be involved in generational traditions by learning about the practices of their ancestors; and

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin pledges to respect Tribal sovereignty and the rights of Native Nations, to recommit to meaningful, thoughtful partnerships, to listen to and understand concerns and ideas, and to collectively care for Wisconsin's environment and natural resources for generations to come;

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

## **STATE-TRIBAL ENVIRONMENTAL PARTNERSHIP 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