

# STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

## Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; boasting thousands of certified organic farms across the state, Wisconsin is a national leader in organic farming, and Wisconsin women have long played an important role in Wisconsin's agricultural community, including the organic industry; and

*WHEREAS*; according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), as of 2020, more than half of all farms in the United States have a producer who is a woman, and data from the 2022 USDA Census of Agriculture estimates that there are 37,600 female agricultural producers in Wisconsin, making up approximately 35 percent of all agricultural producers in Wisconsin; and

*WHEREAS*; Wisconsin's women farmers place a high priority on educating kids about family farms, where food comes from, and the importance of responsible stewardship; and

*WHEREAS*; the inspiring stories behind Wisconsin women farmers are far too often overlooked, making it difficult for young women who are interested in farming to find role models and discover the full range of career options available in the industry; and

*WHEREAS*; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins women farmers across the state in celebrating the essential contributions they make to sustainable and organic agricultural communities and to the prosperity of Wisconsin's agriculture industry as a whole;


*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim July 29 – August 4, 2024, as

### WISCONSIN WOMEN IN SUSTAINABLE AND ORGANIC AGRICULTURE 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 28th day of June 2024.

  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

  
SARAH GODLEWSKI  
Secretary of State