

WHEREAS; since the early 20th century, jazz has played a significant role in shaping the cultural, social, and artistic history of the United States, and has influenced generations of musicians, artists, and Wisconsinites alike; and

WHEREAS; with origins in New Orleans, Louisiana, jazz is an original American art form that was created by Black musicians and has been hailed for its cultural reach and unique ability to unite individuals of all backgrounds; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin is proud to be home to a vibrant jazz community with a strong jazz heritage, featuring an array of local jazz festivals, concert series, and public events which contribute to the economic vitality and cultural richness of cities and towns across the state; and

WHEREAS; August presents an opportunity to recognize the multitude of jazz festivals held in communities across the state, as well as celebrate the joys and benefits of live music; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins jazz-lovers, communities, musicians, schools, artists, and festival goers in uplifting the outstanding work of the state's jazz artists and encouraging Wisconsinites to support their local jazz festivals and their role in connecting communities and building a strong and vibrant Wisconsin;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim August 2025 as

WISCONSIN JAZZ FESTIVAL 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 29th day of July 2025.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State