

WHEREAS; the United States Coast Guard (USCG) began as the Revenue Cutter Service on August 4, 1790, under the U.S. Department of the Treasury and, in the wake of the terror attacks on September 11, 2001, was transferred to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to serve as the nation’s frontline agency for enforcing laws at sea, saving lives, and protecting the marine environment, vast coastline, and ports; and

WHEREAS; headquartered in Milwaukee, Coast Guard Sector Lake Michigan is comprised of 18 Small Boat Stations, two Aids to Navigation Stations, one Marine Safety Unit, one Marine Safety Detachment, and one Sector Field Office that are responsible for more than 1,600 miles of shoreline and roughly 19,000 square miles of surface water in and along four states; and

WHEREAS; Coast Guard Units in Wisconsin include stations in Milwaukee, Kenosha, Sheboygan, Two Rivers, Green Bay, Sturgeon Bay, and Washington Island, as well as a Marine Safety Detachment in Sturgeon Bay; and

WHEREAS; Sector Lake Michigan’s missions are carried out by a committed workforce of 541 active duty, 208 reserve, and 16 civilian personnel with 53 boats, 14 ice skiffs, and two airboats; and

WHEREAS; the all-volunteer Coast Guard Auxiliary 9th Western Region supports Sector Lake Michigan by performing a wide variety of operational, educational, support, and training missions; and

WHEREAS; this occasion provides an opportunity for all Wisconsinites and all Americans to thank those who serve and who have served in the USCG for their unwavering dedication to the safety, security, and stewardship of the nation’s waters; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins Coast Guard Sector Lake Michigan, the Coast Guard Auxiliary 9th Western Region, and all USCG members—past and present—in celebrating the birthday of the United States Coast Guard;

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

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD DAY

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 July 2024.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State