

WHEREAS; originating in the 18th century, clog dancing is a uniquely American folk dance that draws influence from a variety of cultures; and

WHEREAS; as a large population of immigrants settled in the United States during the 18th and 19th centuries, clogging spread across the nation, and over the years, has had a great impact on American entertainment; and

WHEREAS; to this day, clog dancing is interwoven into the traditions of many Wisconsin families and communities and continues to be performed at fairs, barn dances, heritage festivals, and 4-H showcases in rural and urban communities across the state; and

WHEREAS; serving as an inspirational outlet for many, clogging can promote physical health, creative expression, and cultural education, and the popularity of clogging in Wisconsin is made possible by passionate instructors, dance troupes, and cultural organizations that strive to preserve and adapt the tradition for both contemporary and future audiences; and

WHEREAS; today, the state joins clogging enthusiasts across the state in reflecting on the rich history of clogging and in encouraging all Wisconsinites to celebrate this beloved cultural dance;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim August 8 2025 as

CLOG DANCING 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 23rd day of July 2025.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State