

WHEREAS; Wisconsin is home to more than 800 miles of Great Lakes shoreline that provide fresh water, recreation, and improve quality of life for individuals all across the state, and as the second largest of the Great Lakes, Lake Michigan, with a surface area of 22,300 square miles, is the third largest of the Great Lakes and the fifth largest lake in the world; and

WHEREAS; with a rich shipbuilding and maritime history, Lake Michigan serves as a critical gateway to the state, providing countless jobs, significant opportunities for trade and commerce, and making Wisconsin the undeniably beautiful place it is for residents and visitors alike to enjoy; and

WHEREAS; while the lake holds incredible significance to the state, the lake has unfortunately experienced shoreline erosion, flooding, pollution, and the everyday harmful effects of climate change; and

WHEREAS; for 11 years, Lake Michigan Day, hosted by Lake Michigan Stakeholders in partnership with Lakeshore Natural Resources Partnership, has brought together researchers, community leaders, expert conservationists, and more to bring about and encourage collaborative, community-focused water and land conservation work to further restore and protect Lake Michigan and the broader Great Lakes Basin; and

WHEREAS; the state is committed to protecting Wisconsin's navigational and recreational waters, investing in conservation, and working to ensure that every Wisconsinite has access to clean drinking water, and the collective work of dedicated individuals, organizations, stakeholders, and businesses, as well as Tribal and government leaders throughout Wisconsin is paramount to fulfilling that mission; and

WHEREAS; on this occasion, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in recognizing Lake Michigan Day and in thanking everyone involved for their service and leadership in conservation to restore and protect the water resources vital to the Wisconsin way of life;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim August 9 2024 as

LAKE MICHIGAN 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 7th day of August 2024.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State