

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 Great Lake by volume and the third largest by surface area, Lake Michigan, with roughly 1,180 cubic miles of water and a surface area of 22,300 square miles, is 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, recreation, and commerce, and is a key factor that makes Wisconsin the undeniably beautiful place it is for residents and visitors alike to enjoy; and

WHEREAS; Lake Michigan has also been deeply woven into the lives of Indigenous peoples for thousands of years, sustaining communities through nourishment, travel, and trade while also holding profound cultural, spiritual, and ancestral significance; 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 across Wisconsin, is paramount to fulfilling that mission; and

WHEREAS; for 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; 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 Lake Michigan, the broader Great Lakes Basin, and all 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 14 2026 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 23rd day of July 2026.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State