WHEREAS; small businesses are at the heart of communities in every corner of the state, acting as catalysts for local economies, supporting the livelihoods of many Wisconsinites, and enriching the character of the communities they call home; and

WHEREAS; acting as key partners in supporting the success of local small businesses and economies, there are more than 265 local chambers of commerce serving villages, towns, cities, counties, and regions across Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS; chambers of commerce provide a wide variety of services to their members and community, including advocacy, education, and economic development, to promote entrepreneurism, encourage local tourism, and solve unique economic challenges faced by community members, local business owners, and industry leaders; and

WHEREAS; chambers of commerce are critical community partners and problem solvers with the unique ability to work with stakeholders from both the private and public sectors; and

WHEREAS; September is recognized annually as Chamber of Commerce Month to encourage chambers of commerce statewide to spotlight their work and facilitate greater community connection among residents, visitors, and local businesses and organizations of all shapes and sizes; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in commending the local chambers of commerce across the state that work hard to make Wisconsin a better place to live, work, raise a family, open a business, and more;

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

## **CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 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 9th day of August 2024.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State