STATE *of* WISCONSIN

OFFICE *of the* GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; Wisconsin's Great Lakes and coastal communities contribute to the quality of life of all Wisconsinites, creating jobs and stimulating the state's economy, providing drinking water, sustaining wildlife and local ecosystems, offering outdoor recreation opportunities and scenic beauty, supporting agricultural production, and enhancing statewide tourism; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin's coastline—with its many ports, harbors, marinas, and working waterfronts—drives economic growth by connecting Wisconsin to the national and global economy; and

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin remains committed to promoting environmental literacy, increasing public access, and encouraging the sustainable use of coastal resources throughout the state's approximately 800 miles of Great Lakes shoreline for the benefit of all residents, visitors, and future generations; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin is home to the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program, Wisconsin Sea Grant, Wisconsin Shipwreck Coast National Marine Sanctuary, Lake Superior National Estuarine Research Reserve, and National Weather Service, a host of National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration partners and programs that work to improve the well-being of the state's people and communities; and

WHEREAS; for nearly 50 years, the Wisconsin Department of Administration's Coastal Management Program has worked with the Wisconsin Coastal Management Council, as well as local, Tribal, and federal governments, state agencies, organizations, and businesses, to protect and enhance Wisconsin's Great Lakes shoreline and resources, and this year it is estimated that more than $1.2 million in grants will be administered to assist with 23 projects across the state's coastal counties to cultivate resilient communities equipped to protect coastal ecosystems; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in recognizing the partnership and collaboration between the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program and Wisconsin's coastal communities and organizations as their leadership and contributions continue to promote, enhance, and protect the Great Lakes and Wisconsin's coasts;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim September 2026 as

COASTAL AWARENESS 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 24th day of August 2026.

Tony Evers

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI
Secretary of State