

WHEREAS; for generations, immigrants and refugees from every corner of the globe have made the United States and Wisconsin their home, supporting and strengthening the state and economy and enriching the unique and diverse character of the state and nation; and

WHEREAS; during Wisconsin's 2026 Year of the Neighbor, the state champions the importance of community, togetherness, and celebrating all the neighbors across the state that make Wisconsin the wonderful place it is to call home, including Wisconsin's vibrant immigrant and refugee community; and

WHEREAS; throughout history, immigrants and refugees have made important and unique social, economic, and cultural contributions to society, and the role of these communities in building and enhancing the nation should not be overlooked or undervalued; and

WHEREAS; during Welcoming Week, Wisconsinites are reminded of the state’s shared values of kindness, empathy, respect, and compassion, and that a welcoming and inclusive community is a benefit to all who call it home; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin is proud to celebrate the unique stories, histories, and experience of Wisconsin’s vibrant immigrant and refugee communities and encourages Wisconsinites to take this opportunity to reject all forms of hate and prejudice against immigrants and refugees and take action to make the state a more welcoming, accepting, and inclusive place for all;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim September 10 through 19 2026 as

WELCOMING WEEK

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 4th day of September 2026.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State