

WHEREAS; established in 1974, the Pecatonica State Trail is a scenic, multi-use recreation trail that serves Wisconsinites year-round; and

WHEREAS; located in Lafayette County, the Pecatonica State Trail is a 10-mile rail trail that connects the communities of Belmont and Calamine along the former Milwaukee Road railroad corridor of the Chicago, Milwaukee, and St. Paul railroad, which once hauled lead through the Bonner Branch valley; and

WHEREAS; in October 1974, the Natural Resources Board of the state of Wisconsin approved a resolution to establish the Calamine-Platteville State Park Trail, renamed in 1978 as the Pecatonica State Trail, and authorized the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to assume ownership of the trail; and

WHEREAS; in 1995, the DNR and Tri-County Trail Commission entered a memorandum of agreement regarding the development and operation of the Pecatonica State Trail to achieve their mutual goals to preserve and manage the corridor; and

WHEREAS; the Pecatonica State Trail showcases an unglaciated landscape of rolling hills and picturesque valleys in the Driftless Area while crossing several bridges over Bonner Branch and passing by farmland, woods, and marshes; and

WHEREAS; on this occasion, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in celebrating 50 years of the Pecatonica State Trail and its many contributions to tourism, recreation, and stewardship in the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim September 14 2024 as

PECATONICA STATE TRAIL 50TH ANNIVERSARY

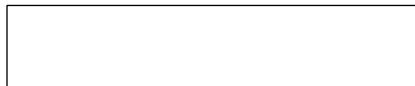
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state's residents.

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 29th day of August 2024.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State