WHEREAS; September 17, 2023, marks the 236th anniversary of the day delegates to the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, signed the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS; the Constitution organizes the guidelines and limitations for governance in the United States, establishing the country's three independent branches of government, emphasizing the importance of checks and balances, and outlining a process by which the document can be amended; and

WHEREAS; as its preamble states, the Constitution is guided by the resolve of "We the People" and establishes the shared goal of creating a "more perfect Union" that works for everyone; and

WHEREAS; the Constitution and its 27 amendments codify an essential foundation of liberty and justice in the United States, outlining the freedoms and inalienable rights of all Americans, regardless of race, gender, religion, age, ability, income level, or identity; and

WHEREAS; over the course of its collective history, the nation has at times failed to uphold these freedoms and inalienable rights, and this occasion reminds all Americans of the promises made and the work yet to be done to uphold those promises for all people; and

WHEREAS; we are reminded that what unites us is far greater than what divides us, and this day and week provide an opportunity for all Wisconsinites and all Americans to reflect on the shared values of freedom, equity, and justice;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim September 172023 as

## CONSTITUTION DAY

and September 17 - 23, 2023, as

## CONSTITUTION 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 5 th day of September 2023.
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TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:
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