WHEREAS; for 125 years, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) State Park System has provided high-quality outdoor recreation, educational experiences, natural resource stewardship, and other services for visitors throughout the state; and

WHEREAS; Interstate Park—the oldest state park in Wisconsin—was established in 1900, marking the formation of the Wisconsin State Park System, which has since grown to include state parks, forests, trails, and recreation areas comprised of over 307,000 acres of public land; and

WHEREAS; located along the picturesque Saint Croix National Scenic Riverway, Interstate Park showcases miles of scenic recreational trails for hiking, cross-country skiing, rock climbing, and snowshoeing, and stunning views of the steep-sided gorge, known as the Dalles of the St. Croix; and

WHEREAS; Interstate Park welcomes more than 200,000 visitors annually to enjoy Wisconsin's outdoors by providing safe, accessible, and affordable spaces for all to participate in outdoor recreation; and

WHEREAS; on this occasion, the state of Wisconsin joins the DNR, the park's Friends Group, and outdoor recreation enthusiasts across the state in celebrating the 125th anniversary of Interstate Park and its contributions as an asset to recreation, tourism, and stewardship for the people of Wisconsin;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim September 20 2025 as

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF INTERSTATE PARK

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 19th day of September 2025.
TONY EVERS, Governor
By the Governor:
SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State