WHEREAS; Wisconsin is home to roughly 58,000 farms, where agricultural producers work tirelessly to produce an abundance of high-quality grains, fruits, vegetables, dairy products, livestock, and more, contributing over $116 billion annually to the state economy and consistently and proudly placing Wisconsin among the nation's top agricultural exporters; and

WHEREAS; even during times of economic instability, increasingly difficult and unpredictable weather, and worldwide events that underscore the clear importance of a safe and dependable food supply, Wisconsin's farmers and agribusinesses have never stopped working to feed their communities, state, nation, and world; and

WHEREAS; farm workers face a high risk of workplace fatality and transportation accidents, and those who live and work on or near farms are encouraged to use caution and discretion when in proximity to agricultural transportation machinery for the safety of all involved; and

WHEREAS; individuals who work on farms also face unique occupational health problems and high levels of stress that can lead to short- or long-term physical and mental health conditions, disability, and diseases, all of which require specialized medical knowledge and attention from health professionals who live and work in rural settings and among members of the farming community; and

WHEREAS; farms can be made safer through agricultural leadership and workplace safety education for farmers, agricultural workers, and family members, along with a commitment by farm operators to identify and eliminate hazards, the improved design of farm machinery, the use of personal protective equipment, and the engagement of those in farming communities who provide support, technical services, healthcare, and supplies; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection and other dedicated advocates and organizations in reminding Wisconsinites of the vital importance of the safety and health of the farmers and all agricultural workers who serve the state and the nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim September 21 through 25 2026 as

WISCONSIN FARM SAFETY AND HEALTH 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 16th day of September 2026.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State