

# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; diversity makes communities and the state stronger, enriching our state's history and ensuring our future success; and

*WHEREAS*; research from the Williams Institute and the Human Rights Campaign suggests that individuals identifying as bisexual make up the largest group within the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) community; and

*WHEREAS*; first observed in 1999 at the International Lesbian and Gay Association Conference, Bisexual Pride and Visibility Day was established by Gigi Raven Wilbur, Wendy Curry, and Michael Page to support and uplift the bisexual community; and

*WHEREAS*; it is widely accepted that on September 18, 2012, Berkeley, California, became the first city in the United States to officially proclaim a day to recognize and honor bisexuality, bisexual-identifying people, and the rich culture and history of the identity; and

*WHEREAS*; bisexual individuals often face challenges similar to those faced by other members of the LGBTQ community, including harmful stereotyping and a lack of support, reassurance, and acceptance from friends, family, and communities; and

*WHEREAS*; it is essential to recognize the diversity of experiences and identities within the bisexual community that make each person's lived experience unique, including intersecting identities such as gender, race, class, and ability; and

*WHEREAS*; today, the state of Wisconsin joins the LGBTQ community and allies across the state in celebrating diverse bisexual identities and in reaffirming the state's commitment to ensuring that every Wisconsinite feels welcome and can stand boldly in their truth without fear of persecution, judgment, or discrimination;


*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim September 23, 2023, as

## BISEXUAL PRIDE AND VISIBILITY DAY

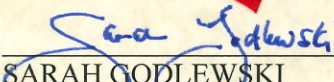
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state's residents.



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 13th day of September 2023.

  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

  
SARAH GODLEWSKI  
Secretary of State