WHEREAS; Wisconsin farmers work to cultivate nearly 14 million acres of farmland each year under unpredictable circumstances to provide nutritious food that maintains supply chains and feeds families, communities, and people all over the state, country, and world; and

WHEREAS; according to the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP), Wisconsin is home to 58,000 farms and is the top American producer of a diverse array of goods, including cheese, cranberries, ginseng, mink pelts, milk goats, snap beans for processing, dry whey for humans, and corn for silage; and

WHEREAS; agriculture contributes over $116 billion each year to Wisconsin's economy and generates hundreds of thousands of jobs statewide, providing a wide variety of agricultural career opportunities for Wisconsinites; and

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin recognizes the immeasurable value that each farm contributes to the state, including how farming is a lifetime commitment and a way of life; and

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin has been proud to advance and support initiatives to encourage the growth and success of Wisconsin's livestock, meat processing, and dairy processing industries, invest in rural entrepreneurs and small businesses, enact legislation to increase the value of Wisconsin's milk and dairy, meat, crop, and other product exports, increase access to farmer mental health supports, and defend the state's vital natural resources, which farmers depend on to support their livelihood; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in recognizing dedicated farmers across the state for the sacrifices and contributions they make every day to provide the state, nation, and world with the food and resources needed to survive and thrive;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim October 12 2026 as

NATIONAL FARMER'S 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 24th day of September 2026.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State