WHEREAS; credit unions are not-for-profit, member-owned cooperatives that provide essential financial services and education to consumers in Wisconsin and around the country; and

WHEREAS; credit unions uplift communities by running nearly 100 in-school branches, teaching and encouraging healthy savings habits, providing financial counseling, championing main street businesses, and donating \$12.8 million to local charities, community projects, and civic groups; and

WHEREAS; given their positionality within local areas, credit unions are uniquely able to support individuals, students, families, and communities, and in 2023, kept \$520 million in the pockets of credit union members through improved services, better rates, and minimized fees; and

WHEREAS; the theme of this year's International Credit Union Day is "One World Through Cooperative Finance," highlighting the unique ability of credit unions to financially engage, support, and unite individuals and communities; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin celebrates the more than 100 credit unions across the state for their work to support the financial well-being of Wisconsinites;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim October 17 2024 as

INTERNATIONAL CREDIT UNION DAY

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

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I h of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done 2024.	•	
TONY EVERS, Governor		
By the Governor:		
SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary	of State	