WHEREAS; core to Wisconsin's culture and identity, the state's rich tradition of hunting—originating with traditional indigenous practices—offers individuals opportunities to connect with nature, provide food for their family, gain a sense of self-reliance, and promote both mental and physical health; and

WHEREAS; emotional, mental, and physical health go hand in hand with proper nutrition, and local food assistance programs play an integral role in uplifting communities by increasing access to nutritious food for families in need; and

WHEREAS; every Wisconsinite deserves nutritious food on their table, and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) Deer Donation Program, administered with counties and local partners, is a practical solution for combating hunger and embraces hunting's role as a vital component of Wisconsin communities and culture; and

WHEREAS; according to the DNR, since the Deer Donation Program began in 2000, hunters have donated more than 100,000 deer to Wisconsinites in need, increasing access to food and strengthening hunger relief efforts across Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS; on this occasion, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in thanking the state's hunters, dedicated food banks, hunger action organizations, game donation sites, and advocates across the state as they work to combat food insecurity for all Wisconsinites and ensure no Wisconsinite goes hungry;

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

DEER DONATION MONTH

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 22nd day of October 2026.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State