WHEREAS; poetry is a time-honored art form that helps convey the stories, passions, identities, and values of Wisconsinites while offering opportunities for all to find a sense of belonging and connection in their communities; and

WHEREAS; speculative poetry is a genre of poetry that draws from science fiction, horror, myths, and other fantasy genres; and

WHEREAS; it's important to acknowledge the many achievements and contributions of speculative poets and their interesting and diverse perspectives, as well as introduce communities to the delights of reading and writing speculative poetry; and

WHEREAS; speculative poetry has produced some of the nation's most prominent creative artists, performances, works of literature, and exhibitions, and Wisconsin is home to nationally and internationally recognized speculative poets and several speculative poetry events for poets to share their work; and

WHEREAS; on this occasion, the state of Wisconsin joins speculative poets and all who enjoy the genre across the state in recognizing the importance of speculative poetry and how it has contributed to the creative spirit of Wisconsin;

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

SPECULATIVE POETRY 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 29th day of October 2026.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State