WHEREAS; 2023 marks the 150th anniversary of the founding of the town of Allouez; and
WHEREAS; the area where present-day Allouez is situated has been known by many different names-including Camp Smith, Shantytown, Menomineeville, and Bellevue-and has been home to many different people, including the Ho-Chunk Nation, French missionaries, French fur traders, British military, and eventually, American settlers; and

WHEREAS; Judge James Doty established the first courthouse for the Wisconsin Territory in present-day Allouez in 1824, and in 1856, the town of Bellevue-from which the town of Allouez would separate in 1873-was established; and

WHEREAS; following its incorporation, the town of Allouez pursued and implemented public improvements to promote continued residential and commercial growth, including a public schoolhouse, an electric suburban streetcar line, and public water service; and

WHEREAS; to better provide municipal services and prevent annexation into surrounding municipalities, the town of Allouez became a village in 1985 with a population of nearly 15,000 residents; and

WHEREAS; the government of Allouez and its many employees, along with residents past and present, play an important role in shaping and defining the village's rich history and unique character; and

WHEREAS; this year, the state of Wisconsin joins the village of Allouez in celebrating the 150th anniversary of its incorporation and wishes it many more years of growth and prosperity;

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

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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 $28^{\text {th }}$ day of April 2023.


TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:
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