STATE of WISCONSIN

OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; Pattison State Park is located 15 miles south of the City of Superior, in the Town of Superior, Douglas County; and

WHEREAS; Pattison State Park is home to Little Manitou Falls, at 31 feet tall, as well as Wisconsin’s highest waterfall, Big Manitou Falls, at 165 feet tall; and

WHEREAS; Pattison State Park is composed of 1,436 acres that offer a variety of recreational opportunities including camping, birdwatching, picnicking, biking, kayaking, canoeing, snowshoeing, hunting, cross-country skiing, and hiking; and

WHEREAS; in 1917, Martin Pattison bought 660 acres encompassing Big and Little Manitou Falls, and when he heard of plans to construct a hydro-electric dam on the Black River, he donated the land to the state of Wisconsin to ensure the waterfalls were protected; and

WHEREAS; on January 20, 1920, thanks to Martin Pattison’s generous donation, Pattison State Park became the 6th Wisconsin state park, and on July 25th, 1935, the Civilian Conservation Corps Company 3663 was established near Little Manitou Falls, creating many of the facilities the public enjoys still today; and

WHEREAS; in 2020, the state of Wisconsin is celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Pattison State Park and recognizes the past and present stewardship to this property in becoming a valued asset of recreation, scientific study, and cultural preservation for the people of the state of Wisconsin;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the state of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim January 20, 2020, as the

100th ANNIVERSARY OF PATTISON STATE PARK

throughout the state of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance to all our citizens.

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 3rd day of January 2020.

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State