## STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; 2020 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Gaylord Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies, established at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1970; and

WHEREAS; the Nelson Institute conducts extensive natural, physical, biological, and humanities-based research through three active research centers and individual faculty research partnerships, facilitating rigorous interdisciplinary undergraduate, graduate, and professional academic programs that investigate the complex relationship between humans and their environment; and

WHEREAS; the Nelson Institute seeks to develop research that informs public policy solutions that work to protect the environment, meet the needs of humanity, promote equitable and sustainable energy solutions and land stewardship practices, and address climate change, helping us to connect the dots between all elements of our contemporary global society; and

WHEREAS; the Nelson Institute has graduated thousands of alumni, many of whom have gone on to serve in environmental decision-making and policy formation capacities as academics, scientists, government officials, political leaders, and business people in industry and agriculture; and

WHEREAS; beyond its rigorous academic programs, the Nelson Institute has conducted a broad array of environmental seminars, lecture series, film screenings, and conferences for the general public on numerous issues; and

WHEREAS; throughout the Nelson Institute's 50-year history, generations of faculty, staff, and students from departments all across the campus, representing all of the schools and colleges at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, have epitomized the Wisconsin Idea, advising state government, municipalities, community organizations, and international partners on energy, land use, land information systems, water quality, education, health, food security, social justice, and more, in service to the well-being of Wisconsinites and our state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim February 6, 2020, as the

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the shout the late 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 24<sup>th</sup> day of January 2020.

TONY EVERS GOVERNOR

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DC UGLAS LA FOLLET Secretary of State