

WHEREAS; following the end of the American Revolutionary War and the U.S. Congress' creation of the Wisconsin Territory, the state of Wisconsin was admitted to the Union on May 29, 1848; and

WHEREAS; nicknamed the "Badger State" for the early settlers who mined the hills and slept in underground shelters and "America's Dairyland" for the state's more than \$45 billion dairy industry, our state likely gets its official name from a term in Indigenous languages used to describe the Wisconsin River; and

WHEREAS; originally adopted in 1863, and having undergone several iterations before reaching its current design, our state flag bears our motto, "Forward," and our coat of arms, which represents the trades—navigation, manufacturing, mining, and agriculture—upon which our state's economic and cultural livelihood was founded; and

WHEREAS; from our world-famous cheese to our world champion sports teams, our distinguished educational tradition to our spirit of innovation, and our history of labor activism to our longstanding commitment to conservation, Wisconsin has made countless contributions to the fabric of our nation since achieving statehood nearly 174 years ago; and

WHEREAS; boasting more than 1,000 miles of Great Lakes shoreline, approximately 15,000 lakes, and over 60,000 acres of state parks, Wisconsin's natural beauty and opportunities for outdoor recreation cannot be understated; and

WHEREAS; through times of hardship and prosperity, Wisconsinites have never failed to embody our shared values of kindness, empathy, respect, and compassion; and

WHEREAS; as we celebrate our collective heritage, we must also honor and recognize the inherent sovereignty of the 12 Native Nations who have inhabited this region since time immemorial and without whom the building of our state would not have been possible; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in celebrating the hardworking folks who came before us and in looking to the future at all we will achieve moving forward together;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim February 15, 2022, as

## **NATIONAL WISCONSIN DAY**

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<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State