WHEREAS; there are nearly three million supermarket employees working throughout the United States, and there are tens of thousands of food retail jobs that generate billions of dollars in economic activity in Wisconsin alone; and

WHEREAS; supermarket employees provide all Americans with access to safe, healthy, and affordable food, and work to enhance the health and well-being of every customer; and

WHEREAS; supermarket employees across our state and country also contribute and volunteer countless hours in their communities; and

WHEREAS; over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic, supermarket employees have faced unprecedented challenges working to keep our grocery shelves stocked; and

WHEREAS; supermarket employees have met, and continue to meet, these challenges, serving as essential workers and continually going above and beyond with customer service and community outreach; and

WHEREAS; due to current and growing consumer demands, as well as their reputation for excellence, the need for supermarket employees now is greater than ever; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in celebrating the important work of supermarket employees throughout our state, and thanks them for their courage, compassion, dedication, and leadership throughout the past year, in particular;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim February 22, 2021, as

SUPERMARKET EMPLOYEE DAY

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our state's residents.

	ave hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 10 th day of February
TONY EVERS, Governor	
By the Governor:	
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secr	retary of State