

WHEREAS; administered by the National Guard Bureau, the Wisconsin National Guard is our state's branch of the United States National Guard, composed of the Wisconsin Army National Guard and the Wisconsin Air National Guard; and

WHEREAS; the Wisconsin National Guard was established on March 5, 1837—when residents of the then-Wisconsin Territory began forming what would become the Wisconsin State Militia upon our state's founding in 1848—and adopted its current title in 1879; and

WHEREAS; the Wisconsin Army National Guard is currently made up of approximately 7,700 soldiers and is based out of four major commands located in Camp Douglas, Madison, Milwaukee, and Fort McCoy; and

WHEREAS; with around 2,300 members, the Wisconsin Air National Guard has three major units based out of Camp Douglas, Madison, and Milwaukee; and

WHEREAS; in the 185 years since its founding, members of the Wisconsin National Guard have been deployed on innumerable missions, both state and federal, with the lineage of some battalions tracing their roots to the 1st and 2nd Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry Regiments in the Civil War; and

WHEREAS; most recently, the Wisconsin National Guard has played a historic and invaluable role in supporting our state's ongoing response to the coronavirus pandemic, mobilizing to assist the Wisconsin Department of Health Services with staffing, testing, communications, and vaccination efforts, providing invaluable support to our state's hospitals, nursing homes, and public health workers, and so much more; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin commends the Wisconsin National Guard and all its members for their selflessness and sacrifice in service to the health, safety, security, and well-being of all Wisconsinites and all Americans;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim March 5, 2022, as

185TH BIRTHDAY OF THE WISCONSIN NATIONAL GUARD

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 11th day of March 2022.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State