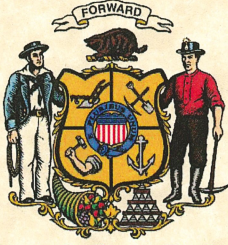


# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; on March 7, 1965, approximately 600 voting rights advocates were assaulted by state troopers at the beginning of a peaceful, 54-mile march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama; and

*WHEREAS*; in addition to marching to realize the right to vote for Black Americans throughout the region, these advocates were also marching to commemorate the death of 26-year-old Jimmie Lee Jackson, a demonstrator who was shot less than a month prior while trying to protect his mother from being struck by police; and

*WHEREAS*; the racist violence of Bloody Sunday was broadcast on national television for Americans nationwide to witness, spurring continued protests, sit-ins, traffic blockades, and, a few months later, the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965; and

*WHEREAS*; today, despite the progress that has been made throughout the last half-century, Black Americans and Wisconsinites of color continue to face barriers to voting access; and

*WHEREAS*; this year marks the 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the assault on the demonstrators in Selma and presents an opportunity for all Wisconsinites to honor the sacrifices made during these protests and the broader Civil Rights Movement, and to recommit ourselves to eliminating racism, realizing racial justice in our communities, and ensuring all people have access to the right to vote, regardless of their background, identity, or zip code;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim the week of March 7, 2020, as

## BLOODY SUNDAY REMEMBRANCE DAY

throughout the State of Wisconsin and to commemorate 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 February 2020.

*Tony Evers*  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

*Douglas La Follette*  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State