

WHEREAS; first established in 1835 as an industrial and agricultural mission for the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin, the area that is now known as Neenah was originally inhabited by the Menominee people; and

WHEREAS; formerly known as Winnebago Rapids, the village of Neenah was incorporated in 1856, with the name Neenah coming from the Ho-Chunk word for “running water”; and

WHEREAS; early settlers were drawn to the area due to its proximity to the Fox River and Lake Winnebago, which made it an ideal place for industry, and the paper industry, in particular; and

WHEREAS; the formation of the Kimberly-Clark Corporation in 1872, which would become Wisconsin’s largest producer of paper products, further aided the growth of Neenah’s population and economy; and

WHEREAS; the city of Neenah officially incorporated on March 13, 1873, and over the past 150 years, the city has embraced technology, healthcare, education, and business, putting down deep roots that continue to sustain innovation and promote new growth to this day; and

WHEREAS; Neenah is a community built upon the ingenuity and collaborative spirit of its residents, and the city’s success is a result of the hard work and dedication of each individual who has called Neenah home; and

WHEREAS; the city will be celebrating throughout the year with a treasure hunt, birthday kick-off event, photography contest, exhibits, historical photos and memorabilia, and historic tours, all culminating with a community party honoring the history, culture, character, and quality of life in the city of Neenah; and

WHEREAS; this year, the state of Wisconsin joins the city of Neenah in celebrating the 150th anniversary of its incorporation and wishes it many more years of prosperity and success;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim March 13 2023 as the

CITY OF NEENAH’S 150TH ANNIVERSARY

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 24th day of February 2023.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State