WHEREAS; Wisconsin has a proud history of maple syrup production and is home to a thriving community of industry professionals who produce hundreds of thousands of gallons of maple syrup every year; and

WHEREAS; with thousands of maple producers operating upwards of 920,000 taps, Wisconsin ranks fourth among the leading maple syrup-producing states in the nation and is a leader in the value of maple syrup production, yielding a significant economic impact to the state each year, according to data from the United States Department of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS; underscoring Wisconsin's deep connection and commitment to the maple syrup industry, the sugar maple has been the official state tree since 1949; and

WHEREAS; the first "tree tapping" of the year in Wisconsin is happening at Pozarski Family Farms in Boyd on March 18, 2023;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim March 15 through April 152023 as

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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 22 nd day of February 2023.
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TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:


DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State

