WHEREAS; building upon a centuries-long culture of innovation and progress, Wisconsin's agriculture industry is constantly adapting to the changing demands and evolving needs of world markets; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin's food and agriculture industries fuel the nation's economy, contributing \$104.8 billion in economic output annually; and

WHEREAS; from farmers and scientists to processors and retailers and more, Wisconsin's agriculture industry provides 435,700 jobs to Wisconsinites each year, making up nearly 12 percent of the state's total employment; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin's farmers and ranchers act as stewards of the state's bountiful natural resources, working to protect the environment by adopting sustainable agricultural practices; and

WHEREAS; today, on the 50th anniversary of National Agriculture Day, the state of Wisconsin joins farmers and agriculture workers in recognizing and celebrating the important role that the agriculture industry plays in ensuring the state's economic, environmental, and cultural prosperity;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim March 21, 2023, as

WISCONSIN AGRICULTURE DAY

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 7th day of April 2023.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State