

# STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

## Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; jazz is an original American art form that has produced some of our country's leading creative artists and has been hailed as one of our greatest cultural exports; and

*WHEREAS*; developed in the early 20th century, jazz embodies the noblest aspirations of our national character, including individual discipline, perseverance, and innovation; and

*WHEREAS*; jazz serves as an expression of freedom for people in the United States and beyond, and has become an international language that bridges differences and brings people together across all races, ages, and backgrounds; and

*WHEREAS*; throughout the history of our country, jazz has inspired dancers, choreographers, poets, novelists, filmmakers, classical composers, and musicians, has helped unite cultures in a global environment, and has contributed to the facilitation of arts education and appreciation in our communities; and

*WHEREAS*; our state has historically been home to a thriving jazz scene, with the Bronzeville District of Milwaukee at its heart, and notable international jazz icons from Wisconsin include Bunny Berrigan, Woody Herman, Al Jarreau, and Les Paul; and

*WHEREAS*; our jazz heritage here in Wisconsin and throughout the United States should be celebrated and be a part of musical education and appreciation everywhere; and

*WHEREAS*; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins communities, schools, artists, historians, and jazz enthusiasts around the world in recognizing the outstanding work of our state's jazz artists and educators, and in celebrating jazz as an art form that strives to promote peace, diversity, and freedom of expression;

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

## JAZZ APPRECIATION MONTH

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 4<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022.

  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State

