

WHEREAS; libraries of all types are at the heart of cities, towns, schools, campuses, and communities throughout Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS; libraries are accessible and inclusive places that foster a sense of belonging and community, and have long served as trusted and treasured institutions for all people regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or income; and

WHEREAS; libraries strive to develop and maintain programs and collections that are as diverse as the populations they serve, and are committed to ensuring equity of access for all; and

WHEREAS; libraries offer opportunities for everyone to explore new worlds and become their best selves through access to technology, multimedia content, and educational programs; and

WHEREAS; for people without internet access at home, libraries provide access to computers and Wi-Fi, and may even offer internet hotspots and laptops that can be checked out; and

WHEREAS; in times of crisis, libraries, librarians, and library workers play an invaluable role in supporting communities across our state—both in-person and virtually—and throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, in particular, libraries have gone above and beyond to meet the evolving needs of their users; and

WHEREAS; our state recognizes the importance of protecting and investing in our public libraries to promote the free exchange of information and ideas and, ultimately, to strengthen our democracy; and

WHEREAS; the theme of this year’s National Library Week, “Welcome to Your Library,” promotes the idea that libraries extend far beyond the walls of a building and that everyone is welcome to use their resources and services; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins libraries, librarians, and library workers, supporters, and advocates in encouraging all Wisconsinites to sign up for a library card, visit their local library, and support local libraries across our state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim April 4 through 10, 2021, as

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

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 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State