STATE *of* WISCONSIN

OFFICE *of the* GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; Arbor Day is an international holiday dedicated to the planting of trees and honoring the importance of trees and forests in our lives; and

WHEREAS; Arbor Day has been celebrated by our state's school kids since 1883, and is officially observed in Wisconsin on the last Friday in April; and

WHEREAS; recognized during the period that begins with Earth Day and ends with Arbor Day, Forest Appreciation Week is a time to acknowledge our state's trees and forests for their importance to our economy, environment, public health, and collective identity as Wisconsinites; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin's trees and forests are among our state's most beautiful and critical natural resources, and using science to educate our kids, families, and communities about sustainable forestry is vital to their long-term conservation; and

WHEREAS; the demands on our forest resources necessitate an increased awareness of their economic, social, cultural, and ecological value, as well as an individual and collective commitment to the study and appreciation of trees and forests; and

WHEREAS; this Arbor Day and Forest Appreciation Week, the state of Wisconsin encourages all Wisconsinites to spend time outdoors, plant and care for trees, and show their gratitude towards the professionals who dedicate their time to caring for our state's trees and forests;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim April 30, 2021, as

ARBOR DAY

and April 22 – 30, 2021, as

FOREST APPRECIATION 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

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Douglas La Follette

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State