WHEREAS; throughout its 175 years of statehood and even before, Wisconsin has been home to many diverse cultures and populations that have enriched the fabric of the state; and

WHEREAS; while Wisconsin's traditional agricultural and manufacturing sectors continue to make strong contributions to the state's economy, there is a growing need for 21st-century strategies to innovate and strengthen the state's economy, beginning with the development of a new-skills workforce and growing pool of entrepreneurial leaders; and

WHEREAS; diversity should be celebrated as it is an asset that makes our state stronger, underscoring the importance of keeping equity and inclusion at the center of every state workplace, program, activity, service, contract, and decision; and

WHEREAS; on this occasion, coinciding with the annual Toward One Wisconsin Conference on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, the state of Wisconsin joins the Wisconsin Institute for Public Policy and Service and its partners across the state in celebrating the state's diversity, reaffirming its commitment to building welcoming, safe, and inclusive communities, and working to ensure that every Wisconsinite has the support and tools needed to be successful and to contribute to the common good and economic goals of the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim April 25, 2023, as

## **INCLUSIVITY DAY**

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I I	nave hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State
of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done	e at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 7th day of April 2023.
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SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretar	y of State