

WHEREAS; millions of Americans have served in the Armed Forces to preserve and defend the freedoms and quality of life enjoyed by people throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS; as a nation of peace, we reflect on the values we share, finding solace in that what unites us is greater than what divides us, while honoring the sacrifice that millions of folks have made; and

WHEREAS; borne out of the tragedy of World War I, the red poppy that bloomed all over Europe following the war now symbolizes the sacrifice of lives in all wars; and

WHEREAS; each year, the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Wisconsin reminds Wisconsinites of this debt through the distribution of this memorial flower throughout the month of May; and

WHEREAS; this month and every month, the state of Wisconsin honors our veterans for their service and pays tribute to those who sacrificed their lives to uphold the values we share;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim May 2020 as

POPPY 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 23rd day of April 2020.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State