STATE *of* WISCONSIN

OFFICE *of the* GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; May Day, or International Workers' Day, is a celebration of workers throughout the world that is observed annually on the first of May; and

WHEREAS; May Day commemorates the efforts of the working classes, in the United States and abroad, throughout the late 19th century to organize for improved workplace conditions and other rights; and

WHEREAS; the beginning of May is a historically significant time period in the struggle for workers' rights in the United States, and in Wisconsin specifically, remembering a deadly attack on demonstrators in the Bay View area of Milwaukee on May 5th, 1886; and

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin recognizes that many rights and conventions that we often take for granted, such as the eight-hour workday, are owed to our early labor activists; and

WHEREAS; today, Wisconsin is home to approximately 218,000 union members, represented in countless trades and industries; and

WHEREAS; the gender and racial pay gaps that persist in our state and throughout our country offer a sobering reminder of how far we have yet to go towards achieving equal rights and fair wages for all workers; and

WHEREAS; this May Day, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in celebrating our rich history of workers' rights activism and the numerous contributions that all workers make to our state's cultural and economic livelihood;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim May 1, 2020, as

MAY DAY

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 20th day of April 2020.

Tony Evers

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Douglas La Follette

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State