

WHEREAS; millions of Americans have served in the United States Armed Forces, and millions more have lost their lives in battle to preserve and defend the freedoms and quality of life enjoyed by people throughout our country; and

WHEREAS; we must be reminded of the price of war and the debt owed to those who have died fighting for our country; 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 all 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 2021 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State