

WHEREAS; what is best for our kids is what is best for our state, which means ensuring that every kid in Wisconsin has access to a high-quality, public education, regardless of their ZIP code; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin is a leader in garden-based education, which has emerged as an innovative means of providing students of all ages with nutrition education and outdoor opportunities while improving their overall health and well-being; and

WHEREAS; school and youth gardens promote Wisconsin traditions such as land stewardship, outdoor recreation, and agriculture by providing places for students to explore, learn, and eat fresh fruits and vegetables through hands-on activities that connect with educational standards; and

WHEREAS; school and youth gardens provide benefits in the areas of education, physical activity, and social and emotional health; and

WHEREAS; garden-based education provides our kids with opportunities to see how food grows and to develop an appreciation for eating fresh fruits and vegetables; and

WHEREAS; gardens are a place for school communities to connect with the broader community and to promote intergenerational and cross-cultural learning through the sharing of experiences, stories, food, and agricultural traditions; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin honors and celebrates educators, students, families, community leaders, and all people who are committed to making garden-based education a reality and an asset in schools and communities across our state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim May 20, 2021, as

## **WISCONSIN SCHOOL GARDEN DAY**

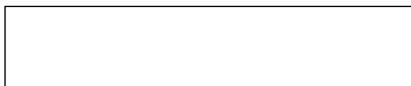
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state's residents.

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 28<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State