

# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*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 kids 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 and learn 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*; this Wisconsin School Garden Day, our state honors and celebrates the educators, students, families, community leaders, and all folks who have made garden-based education a reality and an asset in our schools and communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim May 21, 2020, 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 21<sup>st</sup> day  
of May 2020.

TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By Governor:

  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State