STATE *of* WISCONSIN

OFFICE *of the* GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; on May 25, 1963, 32 heads of independent African states met in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, to sign the charter creating the Organization of African Unity (OAU), which was Africa's first post-independence continental institution and the predecessor of the African Union; and

WHEREAS; the OAU charter centers the ideals of freedom, equality, justice, and dignity, and affirms that these are essential to realizing the legitimate aspirations of all Africans and fostering cooperation and understanding among the diverse peoples and states within the African continent; and

WHEREAS; for nearly 60 years, May 25 has been recognized in Africa and around the world as Africa Day as a way for Africans and people of African descent everywhere to celebrate the incredible progress that has been made in Africa and the spirit of Pan-Africanism; and

WHEREAS; the 2022 Africa Day theme is "Strengthening Resilience in Nutrition and Food Security on the African Continent: Strengthening Agro-Food Systems, Health and Social Protection Systems for the Acceleration of Human, Social and Economic Capital Development," which highlights the importance of food security and nutrition on the African continent to the human, social, and economic well-being of all African people; and
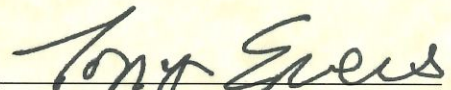
WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins in recognizing Africa Day and the countless contributions that people of African descent and members of the African Diaspora have made—and continue to make—to the economic, cultural, and social fabric of our state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim May 25, 2022, as

AFRICA 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 17th day of June 2022.

Tony Evers

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Douglas La Follette
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State