

WHEREAS; following the end of the American Revolutionary War and the U.S. Congress' creation of the Wisconsin Territory, the state of Wisconsin was admitted to the Union on May 29th, 1848; and

WHEREAS; our state most likely gets its name from an Algonquian word used by the land's original inhabitants to describe the Wisconsin River, and is nicknamed the "Badger State" for the early settlers who mined the hills and slept in underground shelters; and

WHEREAS; our state flag, adopted in 1913, bears our motto, "Forward," and our coat of arms which represents the trades upon which our state's economic and cultural livelihood was founded – navigation, manufacturing, mining, and agriculture; and

WHEREAS; from our world-famous cheese to our world champion sports teams, our distinguished educational tradition to our spirit of innovation, and our 1,000 miles of Great Lakes shoreline to our over 60,000 acres of state parks, Wisconsin has made countless contributions to the fabric of our nation since achieving statehood 172 years ago; and

WHEREAS; through times of hardship and prosperity, Wisconsinites have never failed to embody our shared values of kindness, empathy, respect, and compassion; and

WHEREAS; we also honor and recognize the inherent sovereignty of our 11 federally recognized tribes and Indigenous peoples who were here before us and without whom the building of our state would not have been possible; and

WHEREAS; on this anniversary of our statehood, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in honoring our collective heritage and looking to the future at all we will achieve moving forward together;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim May 29, 2020, as

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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 29<sup>th</sup> day of May 2020.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State