

STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; in 1848, a group of industrious individuals began laying more than 650,000 white oak timbers and planks across the 58 miles between Milwaukee and Watertown, and thus the main thoroughfare through the village of Elm Grove—Watertown Plank Road—was created; and

WHEREAS; it is believed that, in the late 1850s, a group of nuns were traveling west on Watertown Plank Road when their horse stopped in modern day Elm Grove and refused to budge from its spot, which the sisters considered to be a divine sign, leading them to purchase twenty acres of land and build a convent, school, and orphanage that would prosper there for more than 170 years; and

WHEREAS; when the first railroad through the area was built, railroad officials decided to name its intersection with Watertown Plank Road “Elm Grove” to acknowledge the beautiful elm trees that surrounded it; and

WHEREAS; incorporated in 1955, Elm Grove has since grown into a friendly community, with tree-lined streets and gardens that are a sanctuary for birds and other wildlife; and

WHEREAS; the community is also home to a multitude of volunteer organizations that help make Elm Grove such a great place to live, work, and play, such as the Elm Grove Woman’s Club, the Elm Grove Junior Guild, the Friends of the Elm Grove Library, the Elm Grove Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association, the Elm Grove Business Association, the Elm Grove Garden Club, the Elm Grove Foundation, the Sunset Playhouse, the Elm Grove Men’s Club, and the Golden K Kiwanis; and

WHEREAS; the United States Post Office designated the village of Elm Grove ZIP code as 53122 in July 1963, making today—5/31/22—the perfect day to recognize and celebrate the village’s rich history and contributions to our state;

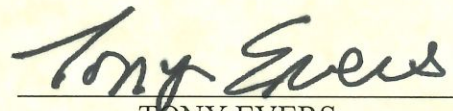
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim May 31, 2022, as

ELM GROVE DAY

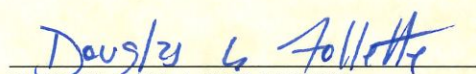
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state’s residents.



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 27th day of
May 2022.


TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:


DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State