WHEREAS; for generations, folks from every corner of the globe have chosen to make the United States and Wisconsin their home, helping to fundamentally enrich the unique character of our nation; and

WHEREAS; immigrants have been leaders in the struggle for social justice throughout our nation’s history, advocating for not only their own rights and equitable access to opportunity, but for a fairer and more just society for all Americans; and

WHEREAS; immigrants continue to support businesses and create jobs in Wisconsin and throughout the United States, and play a critical role in innovating and strengthening our economy; and

WHEREAS; despite these countless contributions, the role of immigrants in building and enriching our nation has been frequently overlooked and undervalued, and ignorance, racism, and xenophobia continue to fuel anti-immigrant sentiment to this day; and

WHEREAS; as Wisconsinites, we must continue to center our shared values of kindness, empathy, respect, and compassion, and be reminded that what unites us is far greater than what divides us; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in denouncing all forms of hate and celebrating the innumerable contributions immigrants have made to our families, our communities, our state, and the fabric of our nation;

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

IMMIGRANT HERITAGE MONTH

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 4th day of June 2020.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State