WHEREAS; for generations, folks from every corner of the globe have chosen to make the United States and Wisconsin their home, helping to form and fundamentally enrich the unique character of our state and 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 access to opportunities, but for a fairer and more just society for all; and

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

WHEREAS; despite the important and unique economic, social, and cultural contributions made by immigrants over the past 200 years, 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 rejecting all forms of hate and prejudice against immigrants and in celebrating the innumerable contributions that immigrants have made and continue to make 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 2022 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 3rd day of June 2022.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State