

WHEREAS; millions of dollars, both public and private, are spent each year on the control of invasive plant and animal species in Wisconsin's waters, wild lands, agricultural lands, and urban areas; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin's agricultural lands are vital to the economic livelihood and health of folks across our state, and Wisconsin's waters and wild lands draw countless tourists and recreational users to our state each year, while also helping to mitigate the influences of environmental changes, flooding, water pollution, and air pollution; and

WHEREAS; invasive species threaten the productivity and economic viability of our state's agricultural lands by creating overwhelming competition with crops; and

WHEREAS; invasive plants and animals threaten our state's waters and wild lands by crowding out and destroying native plants and animals, and by disrupting complex habitat systems that have evolved over millennia; and

WHEREAS; created by the Wisconsin State Legislature in 2001, the Governor's Council on Invasive Species is tasked with addressing the issue of ecologically invasive organisms in our state; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, along with local businesses, conservation and recreational groups, community organizations, and dedicated advocates in taking action against the introduction and spread of invasive species;

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

INVASIVE SPECIES ACTION MONTH

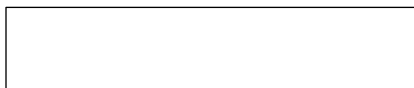
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state's residents.

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 18th day of May 2022.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State