

WHEREAS; our great state proudly wears the title of “America’s Dairyland,” as producing and consuming cheese is woven into the fabric of our culture and identity as Wisconsinites; and

WHEREAS; Lake Mills resident, Anne Pickett, established one of our state’s first known cheese factories in 1841 and, today, there are approximately 1,200 licensed cheesemakers in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS; in 2020, Wisconsin cheesemakers produced 3.39 billion pounds of cheese in over 600 varieties, totaling 26 percent of all cheese in the United States and leading our nation in the production of specialty cheeses; and

WHEREAS; if Wisconsin were a country, it would rank fourth in total cheese production, behind the rest of the United States, Germany, and France; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin has claimed more than 5,500 awards at the World Championship Cheese Contest since 1995, and won more awards than any other state or country in 2020; and

WHEREAS; dairy farming is our state’s past, present, and future, and whether it is baked, fried, squeaky, shredded, or sliced, Wisconsin cheese is a delicacy enjoyed by folks here in Wisconsin and all over the world; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in thanking our state’s dedicated cheesemakers, dairy farmers, and all members of our dairy industry for their essential contributions to our cultural and economic livelihood;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim June 4, 2021, as

NATIONAL CHEESE 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 19th day of May 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State