

WHEREAS; the office of the Register of Deeds in Wisconsin is older than our state itself, having been established in 1836 to protect the integrity of land ownership; and

WHEREAS; the Wisconsin Constitution established the Register of Deeds as a permanent element of the county-level government structure in 1848; and

WHEREAS; in 1907, the Register of Deeds statutorily became the designated office where all vital records for birth, marriage, death, and military discharge would be accepted, indexed, filed, stored, and issued; and

WHEREAS; the Register of Deeds office serves as the official county repository for all real estate and vital records, as well as for safe archival storage of and access to these records for the public; and

WHEREAS; over the last 172 years, our Register of Deeds offices have filed, recorded, and issued a multitude of land record instruments and documents of significance to both the community as a whole and individual residents; and

WHEREAS; formed in Milwaukee on June 4, 1918, the Wisconsin Register of Deeds Association (WRDA) continues to work with its business partners throughout our state and nation to provide services that are convenient, efficient, beneficial, and safe through technology, system modernization, and implementation of statutory changes; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins the WRDA in celebrating the active and important role our Register of Deeds offices play in all 72 counties;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim June 7 through 13, 2020, as

## **WISCONSIN REGISTER OF DEEDS WEEK**


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 4<sup>th</sup> day of June 2020.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State