WHEREAS; there is no food security without food safety, and food safety and quality standards help protect the health of consumers and ensure fair trade practices; and

WHEREAS; “Food safety, everyone’s business” is the theme of this year’s World Food Safety Day, highlighting that, in a world where the food supply chain has become more complex, any adverse food safety incident may have global negative effects on public health, trade, and the economy; and

WHEREAS; we recognize that our food industry workers – from our farmers to our meat packers to the chefs in our restaurants and our grocery store employees – play a vital role in ensuring the safety of our food systems from production to consumption; and

WHEREAS; access to sufficient amounts of safe and nutritious food is essential to sustaining life and promoting good health, and unsafe food containing harmful bacteria, viruses, parasites, or fungal toxins can cause more than 200 diseases and take a toll on both human health and our economy; and

WHEREAS; food safety, nutrition, and food security are inextricably linked and influence folks’ lives regardless of state or natural borders; and

WHEREAS; this World Food Safety Day, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites, all Americans, and people across the world in reaffirming our commitment to collaboration between governments, producers, and consumers to ensure food safety worldwide;

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

WORLD FOOD SAFETY 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 26th day of May 2020.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State