

WHEREAS; June 23, 2022, marks the 50th anniversary of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972—most commonly referred to as Title IX—being signed into law; and

WHEREAS; Title IX states that “no person in the United States, shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance”; and

WHEREAS; over the past half-century, Title IX has opened doors and removed barriers that once prevented people, on the basis of sex, from participating in the educational, athletic, and career opportunities of their choice; and

WHEREAS; since the passage of Title IX, girls’ sports participation at the high school level has grown by over 1,000 percent nationally and, in Wisconsin, it has grown from just over 4,000 student athletes in 1971 to over 60,000, including multiple sport student athletes; and

WHEREAS; studies show that participation in school sports is associated with greater academic achievement, positive body-image perceptions, and improved self-esteem, which only underscores the importance of ensuring that opportunities to participate in school sports are available to all; and

WHEREAS; the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) offers twelve different girls sports, and has long been a national leader in encouraging girls to participate in high school athletics; and

WHEREAS; today, as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of Title IX, the state of Wisconsin joins the WIAA in reaffirming its commitment to partnering to provide a thriving environment for girls high school athletics by ensuring ample opportunity and protecting funding;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim June 23 2022 as the

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF TITLE IX

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 17th day of June 2022.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State