

WHEREAS; in 1786, citing the importance of the uncensored written word, Thomas Jefferson famously stated, “our liberty ... cannot be guarded but by the freedom of the press, nor that be limited without danger of losing it”; and

WHEREAS; in the spirit of Jefferson’s statement, free community papers and newspapers continue to be published, by organizations of all scopes and scales, and contribute an important service to communities throughout Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS; provided free of charge, free community papers and newspapers proudly serve the information needs of millions of homes across our state while promoting local commerce, free enterprise, and public service; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins the Wisconsin Community Papers Association in celebrating the important role that free community papers play in promoting the freedom of the press and breaking down economic barriers to the access of information;

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

FREE COMMUNITY PAPERS 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 19th day of June 2020.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State