

WHEREAS; Wisconsin is a state that boasts a wide variety of unique natural resources, with expansive wetlands, ancient beds of wild rice, historic forests, clean air, towering waterfalls, and thriving tallgrass prairies; and

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin recognizes that the practice of caring for these natural resources is rooted in the cultural practices of Indigenous people, and that the 12 Native Nations that call Wisconsin home are the original stewards of the land and water of our state; and

WHEREAS; Indigenous environmentalists and environmental entities, including activists Walter Bresette and Joe Rose, the Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission, and countless others, along with conservationists such as Aldo Leopold, John Muir, and Governor Gaylord Nelson, have all played a part in our state's long history of environmental stewardship and preservation; and

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin and the 12 sovereign Native Nations continue to work to prioritize the sustainable cultivation of healthy terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems, and to ensure that our Earth and the resources we utilize for food, recreation, and spiritual retreat are protected and respected; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin proudly reaffirms its commitment to working with tribal partners to foster a better understanding of climate change and to develop solutions, leading to the preservation of cultural resources and improved ecosystem function and means of sustainable food production; and

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin honors the Native Nations' strong commitment to food sovereignty, rooted in a deep respect for their land and water resources, and remains committed to protecting the ability of tribal communities to produce and prepare food through traditional means of harvesting, fishing, hunting, and gathering, and to give young people the opportunity to be involved in the generational tradition by learning about the practices of their ancestors; and

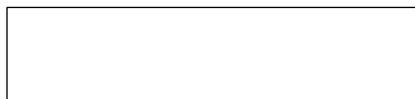
WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin pledges to the 12 Native Nations a respect of their sovereignty, a commitment to meaningful partnerships, a desire to listen to their concerns and ideas, and a dedication to collectively caring for our environment and natural resources for generations to come;

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

STATE-TRIBAL ENVIRONMENTAL PARTNERSHIP 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 2nd day of July 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State