

# STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

## Proclamation

*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 vibrant 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 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, have all played a significant part in our state's long history of environmental stewardship and preservation; and

*WHEREAS*; the state of Wisconsin and the 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 the Native Nations to foster a better understanding of climate change and to develop solutions that will lead to the preservation of cultural resources, along with improved ecosystem function and means of sustainable food production; and

*WHEREAS*; the state of Wisconsin honors the Native Nations' dedication 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 generational traditions by learning about the practices of their ancestors; and

*WHEREAS*; this month, the state of Wisconsin pledges to the Native Nations that call Wisconsin home a respect of their rights, a commitment to meaningful partnerships, a desire to listen to and understand their concerns and ideas, and a promise to collectively care 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 2022 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of July 2022.

  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State