WHEREAS; in 1846, pioneer Isaac Palmer first arrived in the Lodi Valley and established a water-powered sawmill and flourmill, jumpstarting the local economy and attracting others to the area; and

WHEREAS; in the years that followed, Lodi continued to grow in population, resources, and regional importance, and after the state of Wisconsin was established in 1848, Lodi was officially incorporated as a village on July 9, 1872, and would later become a city in 1941; and

WHEREAS; over the past 150 years, Lodi has been home to innovators, entrepreneurs, and people from all walks of life—beginning with Isaac Palmer’s initiative to offer free plots of land to anyone willing to start a business on Lodi’s Main Street—and it continues to welcome newcomers into its tightly knit community to this day; and

WHEREAS; Lodi boasts numerous natural wonders, including Spring Creek and the Ice Age National Scenic Trail running through its downtown, and miles of hiking options throughout the area; and

WHEREAS; the Lodi community has its own library and volunteer fire department, and has been the proud home of the Lodi Canning Factory since 1917; and

WHEREAS; with Victorian homes built by Norwegian immigrant Carl C. Menes, a variety of parks and green spaces, and of course, Susie the Duck, who has served as a loyal mascot since 1948, Lodi is a safe, beautiful, and welcoming community, and even earned a Bronze designation from Wisconsin Healthy Communities this year; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin commends the city of Lodi on the 150th anniversary of its original incorporation and wishes it many more years of prosperity and success;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim July 9 2022 as the

150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF LODI

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