

STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; hemp is a non-psychoactive plant of the Cannabis sativa plant species that is grown for its industrial use, and can be utilized in the production of commercial products such as paper, textiles, and clothing, among other items; and

WHEREAS; in Wisconsin, hemp was grown experimentally throughout the early 1900s and, by the 1940s, Wisconsin led the nation in hemp production, growing hemp and processing the fiber for items including rope, shoes, and caulking for the U.S. military; and

WHEREAS; despite our state's success with hemp production, from the mid-1900s until the passage of 2017 Senate Bill 119, now 2017 Wisconsin Act 100, it was illegal to grow hemp in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS; the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Production (DATCP) now licenses farmers to grow hemp, and thousands of farmers have seized this opportunity; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin recognizes our state's history as an agricultural leader and as a leader in hemp production, and we celebrate that hemp is once again an option for farmers to diversify their crop;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim July 17 – 23, 2021, as

HEMP HISTORY WEEK

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 16th day of July 2021.

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State