WHEREAS; according to the most recent data available from the Census of Agriculture, more than half of all farms in the United States have a producer who is a woman, and in Wisconsin alone, women make up approximately 35 percent of all agricultural producers; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin’s women farmers share a deep-rooted history of conservation and have long played an important role in the stewardship of land in our state; and

WHEREAS; women landowners in Wisconsin understand the importance of collaborative conservation and are champions of conservation practices such as the utilization of cover crops and pollinator habitats, the protection of native species, and regenerative agriculture; and

WHEREAS; our state offers many resources and technical supports for women landowners and landowners of all backgrounds, especially those who are beginning their conservation journeys; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins women landowners and farmers across our state in celebrating the essential contributions they make to conservation and to the prosperity of our agricultural industry as a whole;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim July 18 through 24 2022 as

WISCONSIN WOMEN IN CONSERVATION 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 17th day of June 2022.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State