WHEREAS, hunting and shooting sports are part of the rich history, traditions, and culture of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands of Wisconsinites, young and old, participate in hunting and shooting sports every year; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, those engaged in shooting sports and hunting contributed over $17.6 million dollars in funding for wildlife and conservation efforts through the Pittman-Robertson excise tax on firearms and ammunition; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is not only responsible for the sound management and conservation of our wildlife, but also teaches principles of ethical hunting, firearm safety, and responsible firearm use; and

WHEREAS, increasing access to education regarding hunting and shooting sports provides all Wisconsinites with the opportunity to safely learn to shoot and is essential to responsibly increasing public participation; and

WHEREAS, this month, the state of Wisconsin joins the DNR, all sportsmen, and all hunters in recognizing the shooting sports activities enjoyed by millions of Americans and in continuing to promote a culture of safety, responsibility, and environmental stewardship;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim August 2020 as

NATIONAL SHOOTING SPORTS 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 16th day of July 2020.

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State