

STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; while the virtues of friendship are often taken for granted or not expressed, it has long been understood that friendships are important and meaningful relationships; and

WHEREAS; to bring special attention to the value of friendship, Joyce C. Hall, founder of Hallmark Cards, Inc., suggested in 1919 that a day be set aside every year for Friendship Day; and

WHEREAS; since it was first proposed, Friendship Day has been observed as an occasion to foster a greater appreciation of friendship in our country; and

WHEREAS; in 1935, the United States Congress officially designated the first Sunday in August as Friendship Day; and

WHEREAS; this year, especially as we collectively face difficult and uncertain circumstances, Friendship Day presents all Wisconsinites with the opportunity to appreciate, reconnect with, support, and pay tribute to their friends;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim August 2, 2020, as

FRIENDSHIP DAY

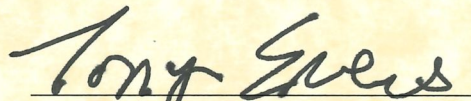
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our state's residents.



By the Governor:


DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State

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 2nd day of July 2020.


TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR