

WHEREAS; following a land survey by E. M. Spalding in 1892, the 517 residents of the area between College Avenue, Pennsylvania Avenue, Drexel Avenue, and Lake Michigan applied for incorporation with the state of Wisconsin to establish the village of South Milwaukee; and

WHEREAS; by 1897, the village's population had grown to 2,662, allowing residents to adopt a resolution to become the city of South Milwaukee, a status which was affirmed by Governor Edward Scofield in July of that year; and

WHEREAS; the city of South Milwaukee quickly established itself as a center of industry, with businesses such as Bucyrus-Erie, Hatch Cutlery, Schutz Brothers Furniture, Eagle Horse Shoe Company, South Milwaukee Iron Company, and Moore/Whitmore Basket Works achieving great success and inspiring other industrious individuals to bring their companies to the city; and

WHEREAS; the city of South Milwaukee also has a spot in aviation history, as the place where aviation pioneer, Alfred Lawson, known for building the world's first airliner and whose work helped imagine the future of the aviation industry, worked on creating his second, much larger airplane between 1919 and 1920; and

WHEREAS; while the city of South Milwaukee has grown and changed over the last 125 years, its abundant parkland and natural beauty, industrial heritage, and rejuvenated downtown—which is also home to the world's toughest statue of local hero, Reggie "Da Crusher" Lisowski—makes the city just as beautiful and lively a place as its founders envisioned it to be; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin congratulates South Milwaukee on its 125th anniversary of cityhood and wishes the city many more years of success;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim August 10 2022 as

## **SOUTH MILWAUKEE DAY**

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 11<sup>th</sup> day of July 2022.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State