STATE *of* WISCONSIN

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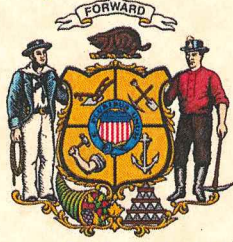## OFFICE *of the* GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; in 2019 the Wisconsin Conservation Congress is celebrating its 85th year of providing an opportunity for all citizens to actively participate in natural resource management and decision making; and,

WHEREAS; each of the State's 72 counties is represented by elected delegates, holds public meetings, and for the first time this year has provided a convenient alternative to participate electronically; and,

WHEREAS; the Wisconsin Conservation Congress is a statutorily established citizen advisory body that, under s. 15.348 Wis. Stats., "shall be an independent organization of citizens of the state and shall serve in an advisory capacity to the natural resources board on all matter under the jurisdiction of the board"; and,

WHEREAS; the Wisconsin Conservation Congress is the only such citizen body in the country with a process of annual spring hearings to measure citizen policy preferences and offer resource management recommendation on natural resource issues to the State of Wisconsin Natural Resources Board and the Department of Natural Resources; and,

WHEREAS; the Wisconsin Conservation Congress provides a forum for any citizen to advance an idea by drafting a resolution for consideration; and,
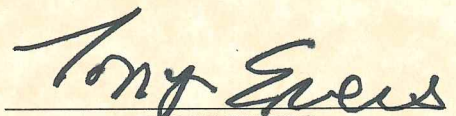
WHEREAS; the entire state has benefited from the Wisconsin Conservation Congress collaboration with local and statewide conservation groups, educators and citizens regarding outdoor opportunities for citizens and visitors of all ages; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim August 14, 2019 as

WISCONSIN CONSERVATION CONGRESS DAY

and on behalf of the citizens of the State of Wisconsin, I salute the Wisconsin Conservation Congress for its rich traditional and democratic service in helping the state shape natural resources policy, and I congratulate the group on its 85th anniversary.

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 24th day of July 2019.

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State