

WHEREAS; in our globalized world, it is important to recognize Wisconsin's role as a globally connected state that has created and maintains economic, governmental, and social relationships with communities around the world; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin is one of the United States' top agricultural producers, and in addition to aiding in our nation's efforts to eliminate hunger and poverty worldwide, our agriculture industry supports more than 400,000 jobs across the state and contributes \$104.8 billion to our state economy annually; and

WHEREAS; every year, thousands of international students are enrolled in Wisconsin's colleges and universities, and according to NAFSA: Association of International Educators, international students contribute more than \$300 million to the economy and support nearly 4,000 jobs statewide, creating intellectual and economic ties between students' home countries and our state; and

WHEREAS; the work of our country's diplomats and development professionals, including those from Wisconsin, is essential to ensuring that the United States maintains positive and mutually beneficial relationships with other countries; and

WHEREAS; many of the governmental and non-profit agencies that provide foreign aid services draw from Wisconsin's population, including the Peace Corps, which has seen over 6,400 volunteers from Wisconsin since its founding in 1961; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins globally-focused individuals around our state in raising awareness of the importance of diplomacy and global development in order to protect the health, security, and economic interests of all Wisconsinites and all citizens of the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim August 30, 2022, as

U.S. HEARTLAND GLOBAL LEADERSHIP 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 29th day of August 2022.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State