STATE of WISCONSIN

OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS libraries offer free and accessible information to the general public, serving as centers of knowledge and opportunity where community members of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities can feel safe and represented; and

WHEREAS our state recognizes the importance of protecting and investing in our public libraries, as doing so creates and maintains a more aware and engaged citizenry, promotes a greater understanding of each other and the things that unite us, and ultimately helps to foster a stronger democracy; and

WHEREAS librarians often go above and beyond to provide social and informational services to the members of their communities, answering approximately six million questions per week about reading selections as well as internet training, job research, health care, and more; and

WHEREAS libraries disseminate facts, ensuring history is preserved truthfully and with integrity; and

WHEREAS in addition to boasting book-lined shelves, libraries also offer periodicals, audiobooks, and e-books, making the path to reading more accessible than ever before; and

WHEREAS over 60 percent of adults in the United States own a library card, and research shows that students who attend schools with well-staffed and well-funded libraries are among the highest achievers; and

WHEREAS National Library Card Sign Up Month presents the opportunity for all Wisconsinites to visit their local library and sign up for a library card, and to support local libraries across our state;

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

NATIONAL LIBRARY CARD SIGN UP MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our citizens.

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 27th day of August 2019.

[Signature]

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

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DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State