

WHEREAS; Lake Michigan and Lake Superior contribute to the quality of life of all Wisconsinites, creating jobs and stimulating our state's economy, providing drinking water and outdoor recreation opportunities, and supporting agricultural production; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin's coastline – with its many ports, harbors, marinas, and working waterfronts – drives economic growth by connecting our state to the national and global economy; and

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin remains committed to fostering stewardship of our approximately 1,000 miles of Great Lakes shoreline through promoting environmental literacy, increasing public access, and encouraging sustainable use of coastal resources for the benefit of all residents and visitors, present and future; and

WHEREAS; for over 40 years, the Wisconsin Department of Administration's Coastal Management Program has worked with the Wisconsin Coastal Management Council, as well as local, tribal, and federal governments, state agencies, organizations, and businesses, to protect and enhance our Great Lakes shoreline; and

WHEREAS; we also acknowledge the importance of the funding we receive through the Coastal Zone Management Act, administered by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to the stewardship of our state's shoreline; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in recognizing the strength in partnership and collaboration between the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program and Wisconsin's coastal communities and organizations, as their leadership and contributions continue to promote, enhance, and protect the Great Lakes and Wisconsin's coasts;

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

COASTAL AWARENESS MONTH

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 24th day of September 2020.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State