

WHEREAS; libraries are an essential resource in communities across Wisconsin, offering free and accessible information to the general public, and 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 to create and maintain a more aware and engaged citizenry, promote a greater understanding of each other and the things that unite us, and ultimately foster a stronger democracy; and

WHEREAS; libraries disseminate facts and ensure history is preserved truthfully and with integrity, and our state's librarians go above and beyond to provide social and informational services to members of their communities; 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; this month presents an 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 2020 as

NATIONAL LIBRARY CARD SIGN UP 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