## STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

WHEREAS; as Wisconsinites, we pride ourselves on our unique heritage of recognizing gifted artists, craftspersons, performers, authors, composers, and playwrights; and

WHEREAS; since its inception in 1940, the Wisconsin Regional Art Program has been an invaluable element of the grassroots art movement in our state, starting with its first artist-in-residence, John Steuart Curry, who grew the outreach program and expanded art exhibits, workshops, and communications throughout Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS; on September 19, 2020, a year of effort in painting, sculpturing, and crafts from artists across Wisconsin will culminate in the program's Eightieth Annual State Conference and Art Exhibition; and

WHEREAS; we are proud to recognize the Wisconsin Regional Art Program for its 80 years of service in promoting non-professional arts and crafts throughout our state; and

WHEREAS; this month provides all Wisconsinites the opportunity to participate in and enjoy creative painting, sculpture, and crafts, both non-professional and professional;

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

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ut 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of August 2020.

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the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE

Secretary of State