

STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

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, outdoor recreation opportunities, and scenic beauty, 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 promoting environmental literacy, increasing public access, and encouraging sustainable use of coastal resources throughout our approximately 1,000 miles of Great Lakes shoreline, for the benefit of all residents and visitors, both 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 resources; and

WHEREAS; in June 2021, our state announced \$1.41 million in coastal grants, to be administered by the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program, to support quality of life and foster sustainable economic development, among other objectives, in 40 local communities across Wisconsin; and

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

WHEREAS; our state is also now home to the NOAA-designated Wisconsin Shipwreck Coast National Marine Sanctuary, which is one of only two in the Great Lakes and provides an exciting opportunity to build upon our state's legacy of maritime trade and navigation, and highlights our unique and vibrant coastal communities; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in recognizing the 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;

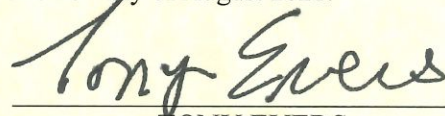
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim September 2021 as

COASTAL AWARENESS MONTH

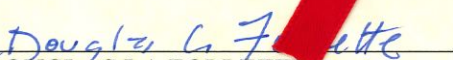
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state's residents.



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 20th day of August 2021.


TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:


DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State