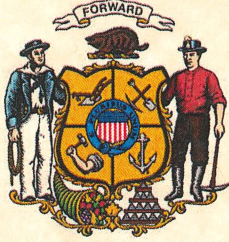


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Proclamation

WHEREAS; Wisconsin is home to nearly 1,000 species of animals, including 162 species of dragonflies, 195 varieties of butterflies and moths, 148 types of fish, 70 species of mammals, 19 kinds of amphibians, 284 bird species, 20 varieties of bumblebees, 50 varieties of mussels, and 36 species of reptiles; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin's fish and wildlife are among our most valuable resources, as they support our economy, our heritage, and our way of life; and

WHEREAS; despite our state's notable biodiversity, more than one-fifth of all species of fish and wildlife in Wisconsin risk becoming endangered; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin was the first state to pass its own endangered species act in 1971, soon followed by administrative rules identifying specific species to be protected, as well as the first agreement with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to inventory and manage endangered and threatened species; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin is home to the oldest system of State Natural Areas in the country, where more than 90 percent of the plant species and 75 percent of the animal species on Wisconsin's Endangered and Threatened list are found; and

WHEREAS; National Wildlife Day provides us the opportunity to reflect on the importance of Wisconsin's wildlife, to contribute to ongoing conservation efforts, and to invest the future of our state's biodiversity;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim September 4, 2019, as

NATIONAL WILDLIFE DAY

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 23rd day of August 2019.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tony Evers".

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Douglas La Follette".
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State