WHEREAS books help us understand ourselves, our communities, and our world; and

WHEREAS having a choice in what we read motivates us to read, improves test scores, promotes scholastic achievement, and helps to foster strong comprehension and writing skills; and

WHEREAS books can be enjoyed independently or communally, and group-oriented social interaction like book clubs, group discussions, and reading aloud to friends and family can help to encourage reading engagement amongst kids and adults alike; and

WHEREAS reading also provides entertainment and deliverable benefits, like the improvement of memory and concentration, the reduction of stress, and the kindling of creativity; and

WHEREAS readers can access books in many different ways, including paper copies, digital books, or audiobooks, making reading more accessible than ever before; and

WHEREAS Wisconsin boasts numerous independent bookstores and a robust public library system, wherein shop-keepers and librarians are well-poised to make recommendations and help readers find the right book for them;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim September 6, 2019, as

NATIONAL READ A BOOK 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 21st day of August 2019.

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State