STATE *of* WISCONSIN

OFFICE *of the* GOVERNOR

Proclamation

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

WHEREAS; the ability to choose what we read motivates us to read, improves test scores, promotes scholastic achievement, and helps to foster strong comprehension and writing skills in people of all ages; and

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

WHEREAS; among other benefits, reading can provide entertainment, help improve memory and concentration, reduce stress, and kindle creativity; and

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

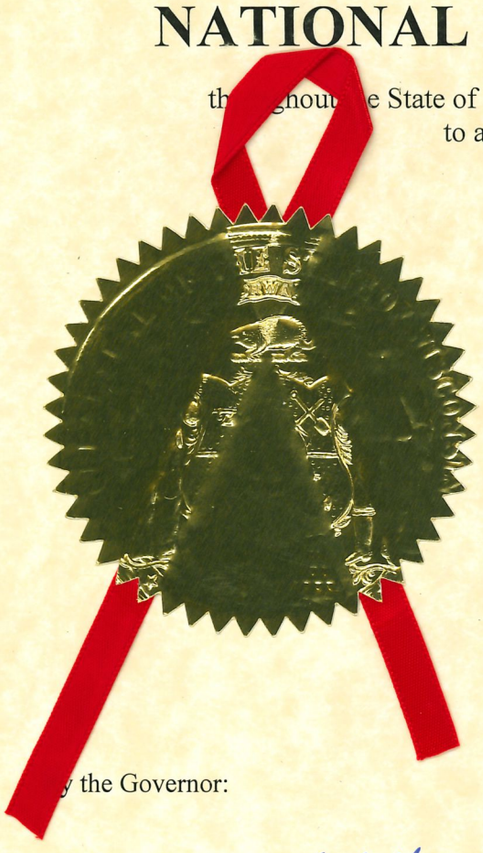
WHEREAS; Wisconsin boasts numerous independent bookstores and a robust public library system, wherein shopkeepers and librarians are well-poised to make recommendations and help readers find the right book for them; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin encourages all Wisconsinites to support our public library system by applying for a library card, to shop at local independent bookstores, and to take the time to pick up a book and read;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim September 6, 2020, as

NATIONAL READ A BOOK DAY

th ghou e 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 31st day of August 2020.

Tony Evers

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

y the Governor:

Douglas La Follette

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State