

WHEREAS; the first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on September 5, 1882, in New York City and, in 1884, the first Monday in September was selected by the American Federation of Labor as the day for its annual observance; and

WHEREAS; Labor Day became an official state holiday in Wisconsin in 1893, and the United States Congress passed an act in 1894 establishing the first Monday in September of each year as a legal holiday, initiating a tradition of paid time off for many American workers, along with a collection of parades and festivals celebrating workers and their families; and

WHEREAS; throughout our nation's history, workers and labor unions have contributed to vastly improved standards of work and living, as well as to the tremendous productivity of the American economy, and have been vital to our collective economic success and political democracy; and

WHEREAS; as Wisconsinites, we pride ourselves on our progressive roots and rich history of workers' rights activism, and we recognize that many rights and conventions that we often take for granted, such as the eight-hour workday, are owed to the advocacy of our early labor activists and unions; and

WHEREAS; Labor Day presents all Wisconsinites, and all Americans, with the opportunity to celebrate and honor the resilience and dedication of workers and working families across our state and country, especially as workers continue to carry our state through the COVID-19 pandemic, and to reflect on the contributions of the labor movement—past and present—and the benefits of strong labor unions; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin reaffirms its commitment to ensuring that workers in all trades and industries are treated with respect and dignity, are paid fairly, and receive recognition for their important work, and commends all workers and working families for their numerous contributions to our state's cultural and economic livelihood;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim September 6, 2021, as

LABOR DAY

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 13th day of August 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State