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

WHEREAS; reading 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, 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 imagination; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin boasts numerous independent bookstores and a robust public library system, and our state’s shopkeepers and librarians are well-poised to make recommendations and help readers find the right books 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, 2022, as

NATIONAL READ A BOOK 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 1st day of September 2022.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State