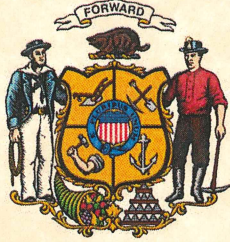


STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; Lake Erie, Lake Huron, Lake Ontario, Lake Michigan, Lake Superior, and the Saint Lawrence River, contain more than 20 percent of the world's surface freshwater and supply 56 billion gallons of water each day to nearly 50 million Americans and Canadians; and

WHEREAS; our great state is bordered by Lake Michigan to the east and Lake Superior to the north, enabling thousands of Wisconsinites and out-of-state visitors to experience the natural beauty of our coastline; and

WHEREAS; the Great Lakes play an important role in sustaining Wisconsin's biodiversity and are increasingly affected by climate change, requiring collaboration on key conservation strategies between local, tribal, and federal governments, organizations, individuals, and businesses throughout the Great Lakes region; and

WHEREAS; the Great Lakes enhance and sustain the quality of life of Wisconsin residents, connecting our great state to the global economy and providing countless opportunities for environmental stewardship, recreation, industry, and much more; and

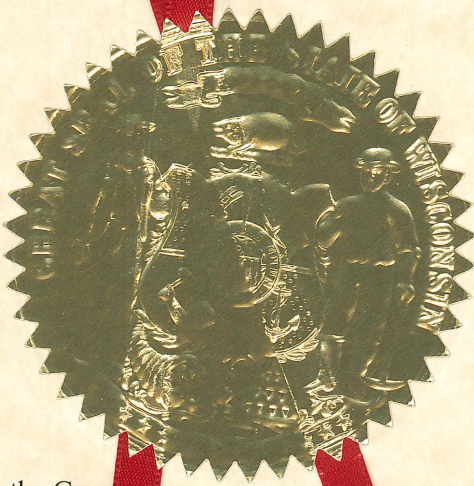
WHEREAS; Great Lakes Appreciation day is celebrated on September 7th to reaffirm the pledge made in 2012 by the United States and Canada "to restore, protect, and enhance the water quality of the Great Lakes to promote the ecological health of the Great Lakes basin"; and

WHEREAS; Great Lakes Appreciation day provides an opportunity to reflect on the majesty of the Great Lakes and the abundance of resources they provide, reify our commitment to concerted conservation efforts, and learn about the importance of the Great Lakes to Wisconsin's economy and culture;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim September 7, 2019, as

REAT LAKES APPRECIATION 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 30th day of August 2019.

Tony Evers
TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Douglas La Follette
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State