STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

WHEREAS; September 17, 2019, commemorates the 232nd Anniversary of the day delegates to the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, signed the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS; Constitution Day marks the beginning of Constitution Week, which was first formally recognized in 1956 when President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed its observance into law after the Daughters of the American Revolution successfully petitioned Congress for its resolution; and

WHEREAS; the Constitution organizes the guidelines and limitations for governance in the United States, establishing our country's three independent branches of government, emphasizing the importance of checks and balances, and establishing a process by which the Constitution can be amended; and

WHEREAS; as the preamble states, the Constitution is guided by the resolve of "We the People," establishing that the will of the people is the law of the land; and

WHEREAS; the Constitution and its 27 amendments codify an essential foundation of liberty and justice in the United States, outlining the freedoms and inalienable rights of all Americans, regardless of race, gender, religion, age, ability status, income-level, or identity; and

WHEREAS; Constitution Day and Constitution Week provide an opportunity for all Wisconsinites to reflect on the American values of freedom, equity, and justice outlined in the Constitution and its amendments, and to strive toward our country's founding goal of creating a more perfect union that works for everyone;

> NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim September 17, 2019, as

CONSTITUTION DAY

and further proclaim September 17 - 23, 2019, as

CONSTITUTION WEEK

t the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our citizens.

By the vernor:

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 28th day of August 2019.

GOVERNOR

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Secretary of State