

WHEREAS; Wisconsin is home to two species of cranes, the whooping crane—a federally endangered species—and the sandhill crane; and

WHEREAS; while the whooping crane disappeared from Wisconsin in the 1900s, restoration efforts in recent years have led to the birth of whooping cranes in the wild once more; and

WHEREAS; the sandhill crane was similarly endangered in the 1800s, but the population was restored following the passage of the 1916 Federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act and the designation of a central area in Wisconsin for their breeding; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin's cranes inhabit wetlands and marshes, and contribute to our state's ecosystem by eating insects or rodents that would otherwise damage crops; and

WHEREAS; headquartered in Baraboo, the International Crane Foundation is dedicated to saving threatened cranes worldwide and sustaining the habitats on which they depend; and

WHEREAS; the International Crane Foundation works with communities to improve the livelihood and well-being of those who share their land with cranes, supports conservation leaders, and hosts thousands of visitors, of all ages, at their Cranes of the World experience every year; and

WHEREAS; for nearly 50 years, the International Crane Foundation has supported conservation efforts with an international network of leaders, playing a leading role in the return of both species of cranes to our state; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins the International Crane Foundation in encouraging all Wisconsinites to reflect on the importance of cranes in our state and to contribute to conservation efforts;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim September 18, 2021, as

SAVING CRANES DAY

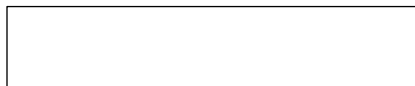
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state's residents.

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 27th day of September 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State