

WHEREAS; Wisconsin’s agricultural producers work tirelessly to provide an abundance of high-quality grains, fruits, vegetables, dairy products, livestock, and more on almost 65,000 farms, consistently and proudly placing our state among the world’s top agricultural exporters and contributing \$104.8 billion annually to our state economy; and

WHEREAS; even during times of economic instability, international trade uncertainty, increasingly difficult and unpredictable weather, and a global pandemic, Wisconsin’s farmers and agribusinesses have never stopped working to feed their communities, our state, our nation, and the world; and

WHEREAS; we recognize that folks who work on farms face a higher risk of workplace fatality than workers in many other industries—with the agricultural sector in the United States reporting 573 fatalities in 2019 alone—and that fall harvest time can be one of the busiest and most dangerous seasons of the year; and

WHEREAS; adults and youth who work on farms often also face unique occupational health problems and high levels of stress that can lead to short or long-term physical and mental health conditions, disability, and diseases, all of which require specialized medical knowledge and attention from health professionals who live and work in rural settings and among members of the farming community; and

WHEREAS; farms can be made safer through agricultural leadership and workplace safety education for farmers, agricultural workers, and family members, along with a commitment by farm operators to identify and eliminate hazards, the improved design of farm machinery, the use of personal protective equipment, and the engagement of those in our farming communities who provide support, technical services, healthcare, and supplies; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection and the University of Wisconsin–Division of Extension in reminding all Wisconsinites of the vital importance of the safety and health of the farmers, ranchers, and workers who serve our state and our nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim September 19 through 25, 2021, as

WISCONSIN FARM SAFETY AND HEALTH WEEK

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 September 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State