

# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; research from the Williams Institute and the Human Rights Campaign suggests that individuals identifying as bisexual make up the largest group within the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) community; and

*WHEREAS*; bisexual individuals often face challenges similar to those faced by other members of the LGBTQ community, including harmful stereotyping and a lack of support, reassurance, and acceptance from friends, family, and communities, in addition to the distinct challenge of their identity being dismissed by others both within and outside of the LGBTQ community; and

*WHEREAS*; it is essential to recognize the diversity of experiences and identities within the bisexual community that make each person's lived experience unique, including intersecting identities such as gender, race, class, and ability; and

*WHEREAS*; it is widely accepted that on September 18, 2012, Berkeley, California, became the first city in the United States to officially proclaim a day to recognize and honor bisexuality, bisexual-identifying people, and the rich culture and history of the identity; and

*WHEREAS*; today, the state of Wisconsin joins the LGBTQ community and allies across the state in celebrating diverse bisexual identities and reminds every Wisconsinite that they deserve to stand boldly in their truth, without fear of persecution, judgement, or discrimination;


*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim September 23, 2022, as

## **BISEXUAL PRIDE AND VISIBILITY 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of October 2022.

  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State