STATE of WISCONSIN
OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the binational St. Lawrence Seaway was officially opened by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and President Dwight D. Eisenhower in June 1959, marking the inauguration of a new era of direct transoceanic waterborne commerce between inland ports of the Great Lakes of North America and the far-flung ports of the world; and

WHEREAS, 60 years later in 2019, the St. Lawrence Seaway is a technologically-advanced system of locks, canals, and channels that enables marine transportation between the Atlantic Ocean and the Great Lakes; and

WHEREAS, throughout its history, the St. Lawrence Seaway has served as a safe, secure, reliable, efficient, and competitive deep draft international waterway, as shipping is the most carbon-efficient mode of transportation, producing fewer exhaust gas emissions for each ton transported one kilometer than air or road transport; and

WHEREAS, between 1959 and 2018, nearly three billion tons of cargo valued at over $450 billion has moved through the St. Lawrence Seaway; and

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Seaway System annually sustains more than $35 billion in economic activity and creates over 237,000 American and Canadian jobs, making the waterway an international economic hub in the Great Lakes region and the nation; and

WHEREAS, on September 24, 2019, in the Village of Massena, New York, the 60th Anniversary of the St. Lawrence Seaway will be celebrated with remarks from American and Canadian dignitaries, a gathering of Great Lakes Seaway System stakeholders from throughout the region, and the general public, drawing attention to the importance of the Seaway and the North American ports that it serves;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim September 24, 2019, as

THE 60th ANNIVERSARY OF THE ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY

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 13th day of August 2019.

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State