

WHEREAS; Wisconsin’s school food service professionals work diligently to nourish our state’s youth and have consistently gone the extra mile to maintain food access for kids across our state throughout the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin’s farmers and food system workers play an essential role in the prosperity of our rural and urban communities and provide local fruits, vegetables, dairy products, meats, and grains to folks in every corner of our state; and

WHEREAS; the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection’s Farm to School and Institution Program supports local food businesses, equitable food systems, and supply chain developments by connecting food suppliers to local procurement initiatives; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin’s Farm to School Network, in partnership with the Wisconsin Farm to School Advisory Council, engages local food businesses, community leaders, educators, policy makers, parents, caregivers, and students to create resilient food communities throughout our state while advancing racial and social equity efforts by addressing disparities in access to program benefits; and

WHEREAS; the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction supports student access to nutritious local foods, educational and enrichment experiences, and school garden development through school meal programs, procurement opportunities, and training for school food service professionals; and

WHEREAS; every school year, Wisconsin schools serve more than 114 million meals and invest \$9.2 million in local foods, creating an important and reliable market for local farm products and economic opportunities for producers and communities throughout our state; and


WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins kids and families throughout our state in celebrating Wisconsin Farm to School Month—and the Great Lakes Great Apple Crunch initiative—and in expressing appreciation for our local farmers, resilient and thriving local food systems, and school nutrition heroes;

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

WISCONSIN FARM TO SCHOOL MONTH

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 30th day of September 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State