WHEREAS; established in 1936 with the goal of assisting immigrants and refugees throughout the state, the International Institute of Wisconsin (IIW) has provided critical immigration and social services in Wisconsin for more than eight decades; and

WHEREAS; the IIW is dedicated to promoting international cooperation, understanding, and diverse perspectives through education, the arts, communication, social activities, and naturalization services; and

WHEREAS; the IIW's many initiatives include the International Visitor Leadership Program, which aims to attract visitors from around the world to experience and share all that our state has to offer and create a positive cultural exchange, and the annual Holiday Folk Fair International, which showcases our states' diversity and encourages cultural appreciation and education among Wisconsinites; and

WHEREAS; each year, the IIW's World Citizen Celebration serves as a way to celebrate individuals who have demonstrated positive leadership in cultivating the IIW and its commitment to serving communities, both at home and around the world; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin recognizes the important work of the IIW and its members and proudly joins all Wisconsinites in recognizing the 24th Annual World Citizen Celebration;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim October 8 2022 as the

## 24TH ANNUAL WORLD CITIZEN CELEBRATION

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

	ave hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 30 <sup>th</sup> day of Septembe
TONY EVERS, Governor	
By the Governor:	
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secre	etary of State