

WHEREAS; located outside Lake Mills in Jefferson County, Aztalan State Park is a 172-acre state property that was the site of an ancient Middle-Mississippian town that thrived between approximately A.D. 1050 and 1250; and

WHEREAS; Aztalan is an important archaeological site for understanding human history in Wisconsin, as it is believed to have been the northernmost outpost of the Mississippian culture, who came up the Rock and Crawfish rivers to practice maize horticulture; and

WHEREAS; remnants of the historic site include town walls, a residential area, a plaza, a communal food storage area, ceremonial mounds, agricultural fields, and stone structures in the Crawfish River where Native people trapped fish for food; and

WHEREAS; since the area was established as a state park in 1947, Aztalan has been used for picnicking, hiking, shoreline fishing, canoe launching, historical interpretation, archaeological study, and historical tourism; and

WHEREAS; in 1964, Aztalan State Park was dedicated a National Historic Landmark, and the present-day caretakers of Aztalan seek to balance resource protection, site access, interpretive opportunities, compatible recreational activities, and careful preservation in order to honor and maintain the park's rich history, beauty, and cultural significance; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin celebrates the 75th anniversary of Aztalan State Park and its natural, geological, and archaeological significance to the people of Wisconsin and to the study of human history;

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

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF AZTALAN STATE PARK

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 16th day of September 2022.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State