WHEREAS; on October 9, 2018, it was announced that one of the future littoral combat ships of the United States Navy would be named the USS Beloit, after the southern Wisconsin city; and
WHEREAS; the first commissioned ship in naval service to be named after Beloit, the USS Beloit is currently under construction at Fincantieri Marinette Marine in Marinette; and
WHEREAS; according to U.S. Navy Secretary Richard V. Spencer, the ship’s name was chosen to honor the many contributions that the city of Beloit has made to the Navy, including engines built by Fairbanks Morse; and
WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in celebrating the naming of the USS Beloit and in honoring the contributions of the ship’s namesake city to the strength and capability of the U.S. Navy;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim October 9, 2020, as

**USS BELOIT 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 1st day of October 2020.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State