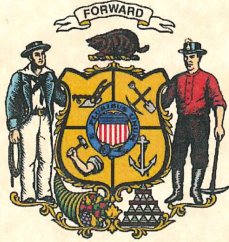


STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; hemp has origins dating back thousands of years and is considered one of the oldest cultivated fiber crops in the world; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin was one of the nation's leading producers of hemp in the first half of the twentieth century, even producing fiber for the federal government to utilize during the World Wars; and

WHEREAS; the 2014 Farm Bill authorized Wisconsin to create an Industrial Hemp Research Pilot Program in 2018 that issued about 245 grower licenses and 100 processor licenses in its first year; and

WHEREAS; the passage of the 2018 Farm Bill removed hemp from the federal Controlled Substances Act and thus created a monumental shift in the opportunities for growth and production of hemp in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS; interest in hemp production in Wisconsin skyrocketed in 2019 with grower and processor licenses increasing more than six-fold to approximately 2,100 licensees total; and

WHEREAS; growers and processors alike are excited about hemp's potential in agriculture, textiles, recycling and bioplastics, food and beverages, construction and industrial materials, and personal care products, among others; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin recognizes and celebrates its long, storied, and proud history of pioneering research, education, innovation, and industrialization of hemp; and

WHEREAS; the state welcomes a new era of hemp growing, processing and product development that will once again place Wisconsin as a national leader in the hemp industry;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the state of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim October 18, 2019, as

WISCONSIN HEMP DAY

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 11th day of October 2019.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tony Evers".

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Douglas La Follette".
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State