STATE of WISCONSIN

OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Native Americans are the original stewards of the North American continent and the country of the United States, and have contributed significantly to the growth, prosperity, and identity of our country even before its inception; and

WHEREAS, the United States Census reports that there are 573 federally-recognized Native American tribes, and, as of 2017, more than 5.6 million people identify as native or indigenous; and

WHEREAS, the state of Wisconsin is home to eleven federally-recognized nations as well as one federally unrecognized Native Nation, and has historically been home to numerous Native American leaders who have advocated for the rights of Indigenous peoples for generations; and

WHEREAS, the state of Wisconsin recognizes the individual sovereignty of each Native Nation as well as the somber history of exploitation, violence, and structural and interpersonal racism endured by Indigenous peoples in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the state of Wisconsin is firmly committed to addressing persistent disparities and expanding practices and partnerships that work to close the achievement, opportunity, and equity gaps for Native communities throughout our state; and

WHEREAS, National Native American Heritage Month provides the opportunity for all Wisconsinites to recognize the sacrifices Indigenous peoples have made throughout the history of our country, to celebrate their resilience, and to honor the rich culture, tradition, and contemporary contributions of Native Americans in Wisconsin and across the United States;

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

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

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 28th day of October 2019.

Tony Evers

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor

DOUGLAS K. FOLLETTE
Secretary of State