STATE of WISCONSIN



WHEREAS; on October 7, 1994, the United States House of Representatives passed

Joint Resolution 413 declaring November 1, 1994, to be "National Family Literacy Day," encouraging observances throughout the country; and

WHEREAS; according to the United States Department of Education and the National Institute of Literacy, approximately 32 million American adults are unable to read, which can negatively affect the health and wellness of families for generations; and

WHEREAS; empowering and encouraging Wisconsinites to increase their level of proficiency in literacy skills can result in higher earning potential, increased health and wellness, and educational opportunities for individuals and families; and

WHEREAS; higher literacy rates also enhance the strength of our democracy, the wellness of our communities, and the economic health of our state and country, as improved comprehension facilitates active civic participation, engagement in community advocacy, and new and sustained economic development; and

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin joins individuals, families, volunteers, and organizations throughout our state to promote literacy programming and to help those with significant literacy needs to learn to read;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the state of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim November 1, 2019, as

FAMILY LITERACY 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 25th day of October 2019.

GOVERNOR

By the

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE

Secretary of State