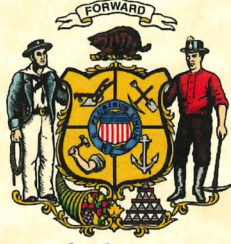


# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; Native Americans have inhabited this continent and this region since time immemorial, 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, as of 2017, more than 5.6 million people throughout our country identify as native or indigenous and, according to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, there are 574 federally-recognized Native American tribes; and

*WHEREAS*; Wisconsin is home to 11 federally-recognized Native Nations and one federally unrecognized nation, and has been home to numerous Indigenous leaders, as well, who have defended the land, protected the water, and championed Native rights, sovereignty, and prosperity for generations; and

*WHEREAS*; the state of Wisconsin pledges to respect the individual sovereignty of each Native Nation, while recognizing the somber history of colonization, exploitation, violence, and systemic racism that Indigenous peoples have endured, and continue to endure, at the hands of our state and federal governments; and

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

*WHEREAS*; this month provides all Wisconsinites with the opportunity to recognize the sacrifices Indigenous peoples have made throughout the history of our country, to celebrate their resilience, and to honor the rich cultures, traditions, 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 2020 as

## NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

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 5<sup>th</sup> day of  
November 2020.

*Tony Evers*  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

*Douglas La Follette*  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State