

WHEREAS; Natural Bridge State Park is a 530-acre park located in Sauk County that features a unique natural sandstone bridge, which gives the park its name; and

WHEREAS; created by wind erosion, the bridge is a rare geological phenomenon that stands at 25-feet high and 35-feet wide, making it the largest natural bridge in Wisconsin and one of the largest in the Midwest; and

WHEREAS; archaeological efforts have revealed that the area surrounding Natural Bridge State Park was inhabited by humans 10,000 to 12,000 years ago, when glaciers began retreating from Wisconsin, making it one of the oldest-dated sites for human occupancy in Northeastern North America; and

WHEREAS; Natural Bridge State Park was approved as a state park by the Wisconsin Natural Resources Board on November 9, 1972, and has been appreciated for its scenic beauty, including adjacent woodlands, cliffs, and small prairie remnants that contain a wide variety of plant life, as well as for its role as the site of community celebrations, student visits, excavations, picnics, recreational activities, and more; and

WHEREAS; on this occasion, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in celebrating Natural Bridge State Park and its natural, geological, and archaeological significance to our state and to the study of prehistoric life;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim November 2022 as

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF NATURAL BRIDGE STATE PARK

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 11th day of February 2022.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State