

WHEREAS; Kannada is a language spoken by millions of people across India’s southwestern state of Karnataka and around the world; and

WHEREAS; as one of the oldest languages that is still spoken today, Kannada has unique etymological formations and is the language of culturally significant literature and inscriptions dating back thousands of years; and

WHEREAS; on November 1, 1956, the state of Karnataka in South India was formed, and each year, the date is celebrated as Kannada Rajyotsava, a public holiday dedicated to the unity of all Kannada-speaking—or Kannadiga—people; and

WHEREAS; members of Wisconsin’s Kannadiga community have made numerous contributions to every aspect of society, and play a vital role in keeping Indian heritage and culture intact while enriching the state’s cultural diversity; and

WHEREAS; Milana Kannada Koota of Milwaukee is an organization dedicated to promoting awareness of Kannada culture and language in Wisconsin, including by educating future generations of Kannadiga people in their language through weekend schools, cultural events, and workshops; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins Milana Kannada Koota of Milwaukee and Kannadiga people across the state in celebrating the numerous contributions, rich culture, heritage, and diversity of the Kannadiga community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim November 1 2022 as

## **KANNADA LANGUAGE AND RAJYOTHSAVA DAY**

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 21<sup>st</sup> day of October 2022.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State