WHEREAS; the United States is known around the world for its identity as a "melting pot" of culture whose promise of opportunity and prosperity is open to individuals of all races, ethnicities, identities, and backgrounds; and

WHEREAS; first recognized by the United Nations in 2000, International Migrants Day serves as a day for the global community to admire the resilience and bravery of those who have migrated from one country to another; and

WHEREAS; since the dawn of humanity, migration has allowed for the coexistence and cultural exchange of people from every corner of the planet and has facilitated the sharing of ideas, cultures, and traditions across borders; and

WHEREAS; the decision to leave one's home country can be daunting and, all too often, marks the beginning of a perilous, uncertain, and taxing journey; and

WHEREAS; all migrants have the right to safety and security throughout their travels and upon arrival at their intended destination, and deserve to be treated with respect and dignity at every step of their journey; and

WHEREAS; recognizing the value that migrants bring to communities across the state, the state of Wisconsin remains committed to welcoming them with excitement, acceptance, and receptiveness while helping them find new homes, communities, and opportunities; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin recognizes the rights of migrants everywhere and affirms its commitment to providing support to our state's migrant communities and to facilitating a safe and welcoming environment for all;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim December 18 2022 as

INTERNATIONAL MIGRANTS 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 2022.	at the Capito	l in the City o	f Madison thi	s 9 th day of	December
TONY EVERS, Governor	l				
By the Governor:	1				
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secr	retary of State				