WHENAS: on May 29th, 1848, Wisconsin became the 30th state to be accepted into the Union, and is nicknamed the “Badger State” for the early settlers who mined the hills to extract lead and slept in underground shelters; and

WHENAS: Wisconsin’s working people made significant contributions to America’s labor movement which led to historic legislation such as workers’ compensation and unemployment insurance that served as a model for similar laws across the country; and

WHENAS: Wisconsin is home to the largest cheese industry of any state, producing more than a quarter of the nation’s total output and has won more United States Cheese Contests than any other state; and

WHENAS: Wisconsin’s history of beer brewing started with German immigrants in the 1830s, and by the end of the 19th century Milwaukee was known as the Beer Capital of the World, with the state having nearly 200 breweries statewide; and

WHENAS: Wisconsin’s millions of acres of forests, and its 120,000 miles of state parks provide recreation to millions of visitors every year and is bordered to the north and east by 1,000 miles of Great Lakes shoreline; and

WHENAS: National Wisconsin Day is a time to celebrate the hardworking Wisconsinites who came before us to create a state where everyone can work, live, and play;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim February 15, 2019 as

TIONAL WISCONSIN DAY

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all of 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 15th day of February 2019.

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State