WHEREAS; since Wisconsin became a state, community banks have served their communities as they grew and prospered; and

WHEREAS; community banks were established by local residents to support new businesses, employers, farmers and homeowners, community banks play a significant role in economic development, and provide financially sound and reliable support to new and expanding businesses, and assist in the pursuit of new opportunities and technologies; and

WHEREAS; community banks are among the most well-capitalized and well-managed financial institutions in the nation, forming the backbone of secure and reliable home mortgage lending and ensuring that thousands of Wisconsin citizens can acquire and maintain mortgages; and

WHEREAS; community banks are committed to their local communities for the long-term and are deeply involved in the needs, causes, and cultures of their individual regions, and dedicated to the economic well-being of local citizens;

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

COMMUNITY BANKING MONTH

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 April 2019.

[Signature]
TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

[Signature]
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State