WHEREAS: home, health, community, and purpose are the key pillars of successful reintegration for Wisconsinites leaving the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS: every person deserves to be treated with dignity, respect, and given a fair chance to successfully reenter our communities and become upstanding members of society after incarceration; and

WHEREAS: previously incarcerated individuals with mental health essential lived experience and working to overcome addictions can be empowered in the hope that they can be successful with the proper community support and access to treatment services; and

WHEREAS: reentry stigma and barriers too often prevent individuals from gainful employment, access to adequate health care, and safe and stable housing in reentry; and

WHEREAS: state agencies, community-based service providers, and local, state, and tribal partners are committed to reducing reincarceration by promoting community and workforce reintegration for individuals and celebrating reunification with their families;

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

REENTRY 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 29th day of March 2019.

[Signature]
TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

[Signature]
DOUGLAS LA FOLLET
Secretary of State