WHEREAS the pursuit of knowledge by school kids in Wisconsin is aided substantially by the educational resources of school libraries and librarians; and

WHEREAS school libraries and programs led by certified school librarians help build more engaged, well-rounded kids, play a vital role in literacy and learning, and are linked with higher student achievement levels; and

WHEREAS well-stocked school libraries result in higher reading scores and provide access to a wide variety of essential educational materials such as books, magazines, digital resources (including DVDs, CDs, instructional media, and electronic books), web 2.0 resources and information databases, and the technology needed to utilize these resources; and

WHEREAS school library programs contribute to a lifelong interest in learning and the development of 21st Century skills that prepare students for college and careers in a global economy; and

WHEREAS the full potential of school libraries is dependent upon trained professional school librarians whose varied skills assist and support teachers and kids in effectively using this wide arrays of information resources; and

WHEREAS School Library Month celebrates school libraries and the role of school librarians in education throughout the state of Wisconsin as they provide kids with the skills they need to access and use information throughout their life;

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

SCHOOL LIBRARY 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

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DOUGLASTA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State