STATE *of* WISCONSIN

OFFICE *of the* GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; the late Gaylord Nelson, former Wisconsin U.S. Senator and Governor and an environmental and conservation activist, founded what eventually became known as Earth Day with an environmental teach-in first held on April 22, 1970, with millions of participants in the United States; and

WHEREAS; Senator Nelson, often referred to as the "Father of Earth Day," believed in a decentralized grassroots effort where local communities would decide what activities to pursue for the celebration, and first announced his plan in 1969 for the teach-in to begin on university campuses across the country; and

WHEREAS; Senator Nelson said that the first Earth Day influenced politicians to work on environmental laws that would have a substantial, lasting legacy, belief that is even more imperative today with the effects of global climate change ever-present; and

WHEREAS; Earth Day is now celebrated annually worldwide on the 22nd of April, the date chosen by Senator Nelson, to increase awareness and appreciation of the earth's environment;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim April 22, 2019 as

EARTH 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 19th day of April 2019.

Tony Evers

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Douglas La Follette

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State