WHEREAS, in 1786, citing the importance of the uncensored written word, Thomas Jefferson famously stated, "our liberty... cannot be guarded but by the freedom of the press, nor that be limited without danger of losing it"; and

WHEREAS, organizations of all scopes and scales compose the publishing industry of free community papers and newspapers in Wisconsin, and they contribute an important service throughout our local communities; and

WHEREAS, these publications are provided to our communities free of charge, disseminating valuable and accessible information to millions of homes each week; and

WHEREAS, free community papers proudly serve the information needs of their communities across this great state, while promoting local commerce, free enterprise, and public service;

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

FREE COMMUNITY PAPERS MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all 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 24th day of June 2019.

[Signature]
TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

[Signature]
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State