Proclamation

WHEREAS, according to the Department of Natural Resources, Wisconsin boasts more than 15,000 inland freshwater lakes and is bordered by two great lakes – Lake Michigan and Lake Superior – and approximately 1,000 miles of Great Lakes shoreline; and

WHEREAS, lakes and reservoirs are among Wisconsin’s most valuable natural resources, providing drinking water, irrigation, food, energy, and recreation to our communities; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin lakes provide a vital home to our state’s abundant wildlife and biodiverse ecosystems, nourish our aquatic communities, and provide essential resources to neighboring terrestrial species and transitional wetland areas; and

WHEREAS, the health of Wisconsin’s lakes is essential to our natural environment and our communities, as well as to our economy and cultural history; and

WHEREAS, today, more than 600 organizations and thousands of dedicated volunteers collaborate to serve as stewards of Wisconsin’s abundant freshwater lakes; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources recognize the need to deploy strategic and data-informed conservation efforts so as to help mitigate the effects of climate change and protect these lakes and reservoirs for future generations;

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

LAKES APPRECIATION 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:

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DOUGLAS A. LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State