WHEREAS, Wisconsin women have long played an important role in agriculture and land conservation; and

WHEREAS, women represent approximately 11 percent of primary operators on all farms in Wisconsin, a higher number than neighboring Midwest states; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin has 1,334 organic farms, nearly doubling in quantity over the past 10 years, and remaining the second most in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin ranks fifth nationally for total organic product sales at $200.8 million; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin women farmers place high priority on educating children about where our food comes from and the importance of stewarding our land and family farms; and

WHEREAS, women farmers and sustainable and organic agriculture will be celebrated during “Soil Sisters: A Celebration of Wisconsin Farms and Rural Life” on August 2 through August 4, 2019; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim July 28 – August 4, 2019, as

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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 2nd day of July 2019.

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State