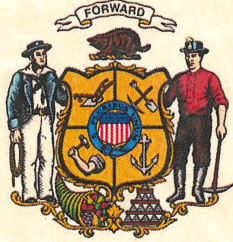


STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; National Black Business Month was founded in 2004 by Frederick E. Jordan Sr. and John William Templeton to recognize the contributions of black-owned businesses throughout the country, and to encourage their continued development; and

WHEREAS; the United States Minority Business Development Agency estimates that there are 2.6 million black-owned businesses in the United States, generating approximately \$150 billion in annual receipts; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin is home to thousands of black-owned businesses that provide family-supporting jobs and careers to residents throughout the state, more than 400 of which are members of the African American Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS; promoting and supporting black-owned businesses helps to close the racial wealth gap in Wisconsin and throughout the country, and encourages the flourishing of local communities and culture; and

WHEREAS; Chambers of Commerce, Business Improvement Districts, and business associations throughout Wisconsin must continue working toward inclusion, empowerment, and support for black-owned enterprises; and

WHEREAS; the State of Wisconsin encourages Wisconsinites throughout the state to frequent black-owned businesses in their communities during the month of August and throughout the year, and to reflect on the numerous contributions of black entrepreneurs in our state;

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

BLACK BUSINESS 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 July 2019.

Tony Evers
TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Douglas La Follette
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State