WHEREAS, hunting and shooting sports are part of the history, tradition, and culture of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources is not only responsible for the sound management and conservation of wildlife and natural resources but also teaches principles of ethical hunting, firearms safety, and responsible firearm use; and

WHEREAS, increasing access to education and shooting sports provides an opportunity for the public to safely and responsibly learn about and appreciate our natural resources and our state’s history and traditions; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands of Wisconsin residents, young and old, participate in hunting and shooting sports every year; and

WHEREAS, hunting and shooting sports contributed over $770 million to the Wisconsin economy in 2018; and

WHEREAS, recreational dollars from license fees and a tax on firearms, ammunition, and archery equipment apportioned to Wisconsin resulted in over $23.5 million in funding for wildlife conservation, habitat and hunter education in Wisconsin in 2018; and

WHEREAS, in August 2019, organizations, businesses, and others will come together to recognize National Shooting Sports Month and to spotlight shooting sports activities enjoyed by millions of Americans;

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

NATIONAL SHOOTING SPORTS MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin. 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.

[Signature]
TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

[Signature]
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State