WHEREAS, philosophers, diplomats, and others have extolled friendship as an important and meaningful relationship; and

WHEREAS, the virtues of friendship are often taken for granted or not expressed; and

WHEREAS, in 1919 it was suggested by Joyce C. Hall that the first Sunday in August be set aside as Friendship Day; and

WHEREAS, since it was first proposed, Friendship Day has been observed as an occasion to foster a greater appreciation of the value of friendship; and

WHEREAS, in 1935, the United States Congress officially designated the first Sunday in August as Friendship Day; and

WHEREAS, Friendship Day presents an opportunity for all Wisconsinites to appreciate, reconnect with, and pay tribute to their friends;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim August 2 – 4, 2019, as

FRIENDSHIP DAYS

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 17th day of July 2019.

[Signature]

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

[Signature]

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State