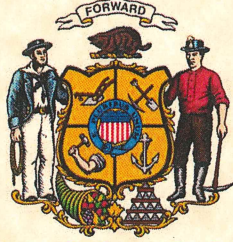


# STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

## Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; Wisconsin is a state with rich natural resources and is home to some of the most remarkable natural wonders, including historic forests, clean and clear lakes and rivers, towering waterfalls, and naturally-carved sea caves; and

*WHEREAS*; the Native American people are the original stewards of the land and water of our state, protecting wild rice beds, nurturing our forests, and respecting our wildlife and fish for the next seven generations; and

*WHEREAS*; Wisconsin is home to legendary environmental leaders like Walter Bresette and countless other tribal leaders, as well as Aldo Leopold, John Muir, and Governor Gaylord Nelson, who championed the early movement of environmentalism and led the charge for protecting our natural resources; and

*WHEREAS*; the State of Wisconsin, together with our 11 sovereign Tribal Nations, is working to prioritize the sustainable cultivation of healthy terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems, and to ensure that our earth and the resources we utilize for food, recreation, economic gain, and spiritual retreat are protected and respected; and

*WHEREAS*; the State of Wisconsin strives to find common ground and a mutual understanding of the value of our water resources for drinking, quality fisheries, optimal ecosystem function, and sustainable food production with our tribal partners; and

*WHEREAS*; the State of Wisconsin pledges to our 11 Tribal Nations a respect of their sovereignty, a commitment to invite their participation, a desire to listen to their concerns and ideas, and a dedication to collectively care for our environment and natural resources for generations to come; and

*WHEREAS*; the Native American people rely on indigenous foods, including berries, maple syrup, wild rice, and beans, for their subsistence and cultural practices, and the State of Wisconsin is committed to protecting their abilities to gather, grow, and traditionally prepare these foods; and

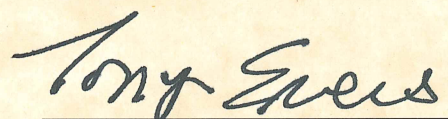
*WHEREAS*; together, the State of Wisconsin and our tribal partners must observe and respect our Earth and all she provides, and as government partners, collaborate to ensure clean water and rich soils so we all may grow plants that will provide nourishment for our families and economic development for our Nations;

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

### STATE-TRIBAL ENVIRONMENTAL PARTNERSHIP AWARENESS MONTH

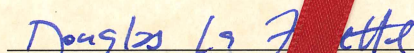
throughout the State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance to all our citizens.

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 28<sup>th</sup> day of June 2019.



TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State