



July 19, 2019

Dear Governor Evers:

As First Nations Organizer for Wisconsin Conservation Voices, I want to express my utmost appreciation for your resolution declaring July as Tribal Environmental Partnership Month. This action clearly shows your meaningful commitment to support the Tribal Nations of Wisconsin and your dedication to clean water, healthy ecosystems, and sustainable food.

A key part of my work is Wisconsin Native Vote, a nonpartisan initiative embarked upon by WCV since 2011. Wisconsin Native Vote has been very successful in increasing voter turnout in Native communities across the state, including Bad River, Red Cliff, Lac du Flambeau, Lac Courte Oreilles, Oneida, Menominee, and Forest County Potawatomi. This year, we are focusing on building a council made up of individuals from various tribes who will advise Native Vote, as well as give input to our sister organization, Wisconsin Conservation Voters. We are also working on voter education and registration, improving access to the polls in tribal communities, census 2020, and environmental issues affecting our homelands.

Your resolution is a significant source of hope and encouragement for tribal citizens. To know that your leadership supports our obligation and dedication as stewards of the land also strengthens my resolve to make sure Native voices are heard on important issues.

If there is any way that I can be of assistance or resource to your Administration as First Nations Organizer, don't hesitate to ask. Chii miigwech (Ojibwe for: many thanks)!

With due respect and appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dee Sweet".

Dee Sweet
First Nations Organizer
Wisconsin Conservation Voices