STATE of WISCONSIN



Proclamation

WHEREAS; with 1.28 million cows and nearly 6,400 dairy farms, Wisconsin has a long and proud tradition as "America's Dairyland"; and

WHEREAS; in 2021 alone, Wisconsin's dairy farmers produced over 31 billion pounds of milk—or 14 percent of all milk produced in the United States—and the dairy industry contributes \$45.6 billion to our state's economy every year; and

WHEREAS; our state's nearly 1,200 licensed cheesemakers produce a quarter of our nation's cheese, ranking Wisconsin as our nation's top cheese producing state; and

WHEREAS; driven by a vast network of dairy farmers, equipment manufacturers and technicians, cooperatives, veterinarians, construction companies, milk haulers, processing plants, genetics and software companies, and more, Wisconsin's dairy industry creates a wave of economic impact that is felt in every corner of our state; and

WHEREAS; our dedicated dairy farmers and their families, processors, and distributors play an important role in our collective heritage, culture, and identity as Wisconsinites; and

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin recognizes the resilience of our state's dairy farmers—especially these last few years, as they have worked tirelessly to keep food on families' tables here in Wisconsin and around the world—and continues to invest in them and their success, in research to further the industry, and in increasing our state's processing capacity to be well-positioned for future opportunities and global leadership in the dairy sector; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin reaffirms its commitment to serving as a steadfast partner to our farmers, agricultural industries, and rural communities, and joins all Wisconsinites in honoring our dairy farmers and all members of our state's dairy industry for their continued hard work and contributions:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim June 2022 as

JUNE DAIRY MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our state's residents.

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 6th day of June 2022.

TONY EVERS GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE Secretary of State