

# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; millions of dollars, both public and private, are spent each year on the control of invasive plant and animal species in Wisconsin's waters, wild lands, agricultural lands, and urban areas; and

*WHEREAS*; Wisconsin's agricultural lands are vital to the economic livelihood and health of folks across our state, and Wisconsin's waters and wild lands draw countless tourists and recreational users to our state each year, while also helping to mitigate the influences of environmental changes, flooding, water pollution, and air pollution; and

*WHEREAS*; invasive species threaten the productivity and economic viability of our state's agricultural lands by creating overwhelming competition with crops; and

*WHEREAS*; invasive plants and animals threaten our state's waters and wild lands by crowding out and destroying native plants and animals, and by disrupting complex habitat systems that have evolved over millennia; and

*WHEREAS*; created by the Wisconsin State Legislature in 2001, the Governor's Council on Invasive Species is tasked with addressing the issue of ecologically invasive organisms in our state; and

*WHEREAS*; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, along with local businesses, conservation and recreational groups, community organizations, and dedicated advocates in taking action against the introduction and spread of invasive species;

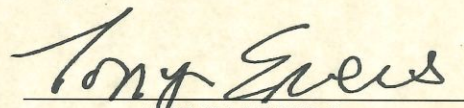
*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim June 2022 as

## INVASIVE SPECIES ACTION 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of May 2022.

  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State