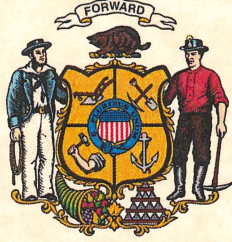


# STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

## Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; Juneteenth Day is annually celebrated as one of the oldest and most popular commemorations of the end of slavery in the United States; and

*WHEREAS*; on June 19, 1865, more than two and half years after the Emancipation Proclamation was issued by President Abraham Lincoln, Major General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, to declare the end of slavery; and

*WHEREAS*; prior to June 19, 1865, slavery was effectively still legal in Texas and other formerly Confederate states due to the relative lack of Union troops available to enforce the 1863 proclamation; and

*WHEREAS*; slavery has long been a tool of oppression, exploitation, and economic development, and was a legal institution in the United States for nearly 250 years, leading to significant racial disparities in built wealth, status, and capital; and

*WHEREAS*; the struggles of our ancestors cannot be separated from our country's modern history, and the continued recognition and celebration of Juneteenth provides an opportunity to redraw these connections, reconcile with our past, and move forward toward continued progress in solidarity and strength; and

*WHEREAS*; since 1865, June 19<sup>th</sup> has become known as "Juneteenth Day" and is formally recognized and celebrated in 45 states; and

*WHEREAS*; today marks the 30<sup>th</sup> annual Juneteenth celebration in Madison, and the 11<sup>th</sup> year of annual observance in the state of Wisconsin, as Wisconsin became the 32<sup>nd</sup> state to formally recognize Juneteenth Day in 2009 when Governor Jim Doyle signed Senator Spencer Coggs' Senate Bill 170 into law;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim June 19, 2019, as

### JUNETEENTH DAY

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

*Tony Evers*

TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

*Douglas La Follette*  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State