

STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamations

WHEREAS: Wisconsin's farmers, agricultural workers, and family members work diligently to provide high quality crops, fruits, vegetables, forages, dairy, livestock, and energy products on more than 65,000 farms, proudly making our state the 9th largest U.S. producer of agricultural products measured by total product sales, fueling a diverse \$88.3 billion agriculture and food sector; and

WHEREAS: people who work on Wisconsin farms face a per capita workplace fatality rate that is at least 6-7 times higher than in other industries, making safety all the more important in the agricultural industry; and

WHEREAS: adults and youths working on farms have unique occupational health concerns that can lead to short- or long-term health, disability, and disease conditions from sun exposure, noise, repetitive tasks, vibrations, gases, dusts, chemicals, and other hazards; and

WHEREAS: farms can be made safer through greater awareness of the dangers of farming and specific actions to identify and eliminate hazards including equipping farm machines, processes, and structures with the latest safety devices, use of personal protection equipment, adequate education, and supervision for all who work on farms, and engagement of all members and leaders in our farming communities who provide support, consultation, technical services, health care, and supplies to farmers, farm workers, and family members; and

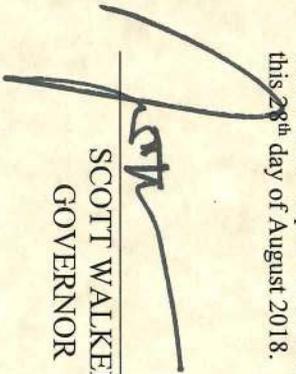
WHEREAS: for 75 years, the nation has recognized the importance of the safety and health of our nation's farmers, ranchers, and workers through an annually recognized week-long event to bring attention to the health and safety needs of our nation's agricultural industries;

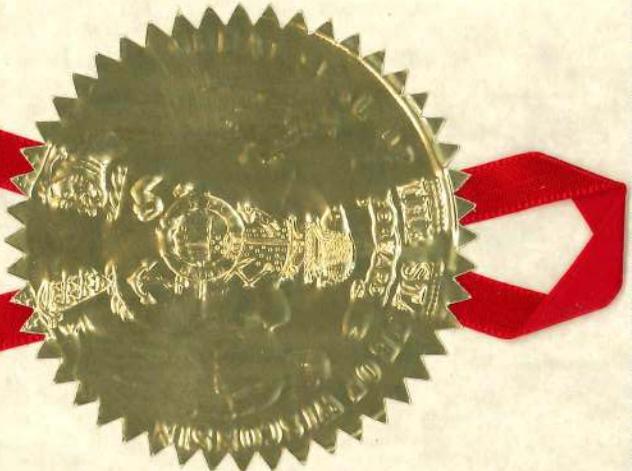
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim September 16 – 22, 2018 as

WISCONSIN FARM SAFETY & HEALTH WEEK

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all of 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 28th day of August 2018.


SCOTT WALKER
GOVERNOR



By the Governor:


DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State