STATE *of* WISCONSIN

OFFICE *of the* GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; the dairy industry in Wisconsin contributes more than $43.4 billion each year to Wisconsin's economy and employs nearly 79,000 Wisconsin residents including dairy farming and milk processing; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin is home to 127 cheese plants, about 1,200 licensed cheese makers, and nearly 9,700 dairy farms – more than any other state in the country – that produce more than 600 varieties, types, and styles of Wisconsin cheese – nearly double that of any other state; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin ranks first among all states in the production of Cheddar, Provolone, Muenster, Parmesan, and Romano cheeses, and Wisconsin accounts for almost half of the specialty cheese production in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS; the dairy industry is linked directly and indirectly to many businesses in Wisconsin, providing jobs and additional revenue for the state, and nearly every sector of Wisconsin's economy is linked to dairy; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin ranks fourth nationwide for the value of dairy exports, and Wisconsin's dairy exports were valued at $273 million in 2015; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin's cheese plants produce more than 3.1 billion pounds of cheese every year – this accounts for 26 percent of national cheese production; and

WHEREAS; the average Wisconsin dairy cow generates more than $34,000 a year in economic activity and these dollars circulate throughout the local community, helping to support schools and local businesses;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the state of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim June 2016 as

DAIRY MONTH

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 12th day of May 2016.

SCOTT WALKER
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State