WHEREAS Wisconsin women have long played an important role in agriculture and land conservation; and

WHEREAS women represent approximately 11 percent of primary operators on all farms in Wisconsin, a higher number than neighboring Midwestern states; and

WHEREAS Wisconsin has 1,180 organic farms, more than any other state in the Midwest and second only to California; and

WHEREAS Wisconsin agriculture, including organic farms, generates $88 billion for the state annually, and contributes nearly 12 percent of Wisconsin’s jobs; and

WHEREAS Wisconsin women farmers place high priority on educating children about where our food comes from, the importance of stewarding our land, and family farms;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the state of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim August 1 – 7, 2016 as

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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 14th day of June 2016.

SCOTT WALKER
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State