

STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; Wisconsin was one of the first states to enact a law authorizing cooperatives in 1887; and

WHEREAS; cooperatives are locally built by everyday people who join together to solve a problem or meet a need; and

WHEREAS; cooperatives meet a wide range of essential needs including marketing and purchasing farm products, providing financial services, delivering electric, communications, and cable services, and providing health care, housing, insurance, and food; and

WHEREAS; today, three million cooperative member-owners in the Badger State depend on approximately 700 co-ops to market and supply agricultural and other products, and provide credit; and

WHEREAS; cooperatives play a major role in the Wisconsin economy, annually recording about \$17.2 billion in revenue; and

WHEREAS; cooperatives are owned and democratically controlled by their members and give people who belong to cooperatives a real stake in their economic destiny; and

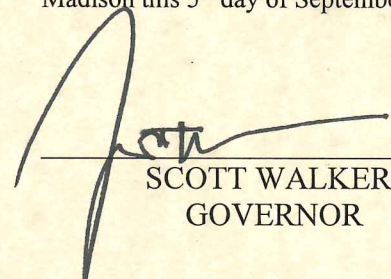
WHEREAS; the cooperative philosophy of working together has promoted community well-being and improved the quality of life for Wisconsin citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim October 2018 as

COOPERATIVE MONTH

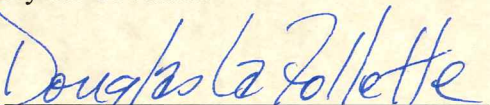
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.

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 5th day of September 2018.


SCOTT WALKER
GOVERNOR



By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State