

STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; native wildlife populations are an integral part of Wisconsin's natural environment, and serve as an indicator for the overall health of Wisconsin's statewide ecosystems; and

WHEREAS; each year in the United States, more than 200 people are killed in wildlife-vehicle collisions, 26,000 are injured and more than 1.5 million animals are hit on roads; and

WHEREAS; the average cost of property damage from these collisions is more than \$1 billion, and the total cost to society annually is \$8.4 billion; and

WHEREAS; the success of wildlife movement and survival in Wisconsin remains dependent upon continued public education and increased understanding of the essential role migration corridors play in wildlife movement; and

WHEREAS; hunting, fishing and wildlife watching are some of the most popular outdoor recreational activities for residents and tourists in Wisconsin, adding more than \$3 billion to the state's economy;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim September 18 – 24, 2011, 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 12th day of July 2011.


SCOTT WALKER
GOVERNOR

By Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State

