STATE *of* WISCONSIN

OFFICE *of the* GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; Wisconsin's geography – bordered on three sides by commercially navigable waterways – makes our State perfectly situated to benefit from water transportation, shipbuilding, and repair of ships; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin's 29 commercial ports play an increasingly important role in the State's economy and overall quality of life, and each year, our ports handle more than 30 million tons of cargo which generates over $1.6 billion in economic activity and almost 10,000 jobs; and

WHEREAS; moving bulk commodities – iron ore, wood pulp, agricultural commodities, coal, salt, and cement – by water is extremely efficient and environmentally friendly, and Wisconsin's modern port facilities serve as multi-modal distribution centers which link cargo-carrying vessels with our extensive transportation network of highways, railroads, and airports; and

WHEREAS; the waterways surrounding Wisconsin provide recreational opportunities and are an important part of tourism in the State with cruise vessels, charter fishing boats, sport fishing, and six passenger ferries; and

WHEREAS; the Wisconsin Commercial Ports Association is hosting its annual meeting in Milwaukee from August 27 – 28, 2015;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim August 24 – 30, 2015, as

PORTS 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 6th day of August 2015.

SCOTT WALKER
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State