STATE *of* WISCONSIN

OFFICE *of the* GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; Wisconsin, bordered on three sides by internationally navigable waterways, is perfectly positioned for the development of water transportation, shipbuilding, and ship repair industries; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin's 29 commercial ports play an historic and 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 that generate more than $1.6 billion in economic activity and almost 10,000 jobs; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin businesses and consumers rely on a transportation system that allows freight to move in a safe and efficient manner; and

WHEREAS; moving bulk commodities such as iron ore, wood pulp, agricultural commodities, coal, road salt, cement, heavy machinery, steel, bagged and canned cargo, containers, and wind energy components by water is extremely safe, efficient, and environmentally friendly, and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin's modern port facilities serve as multi-modal distribution centers that link cargo-carrying vessels with our extensive transportation network of highways, railroads, and airports; and

WHEREAS; the Wisconsin ports are major economic hubs and also serve as centers of ship building, commercial fishing, and ferrying services that generate thousands of family-supporting jobs; and

WHEREAS; the Wisconsin Commercial Ports Association is hosting its annual meeting in La Crosse from August 3-4;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the state of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim August 1 – 7, 2016 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 20th day of July 2016.

SCOTT WALKER
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State