

# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Nurserymen's Association was established December 27, 1917, and expanded its scope and representation over the last 100 years to include businesses and professionals employed throughout the nursery and landscape industry resulting in the name being changed to the Wisconsin Nursery and Landscape Association; and

WHEREAS, the producer sector has 38,000 employees with wages exceeding \$471 million and total annual receipts of more than \$1.5 billion, and trees and shrub production uses 14,300 acres and 850,000-square-feet of greenhouse space, while floriculture uses 1,500 acres and about 10,500,000-square-feet of greenhouse, and sod is produced on 10,000 acres; and

WHEREAS, nursery and floriculture production has been recognized as the number one specialty crop in Wisconsin and as the number four crop overall; and

WHEREAS, landscaping provides positive environmental and social benefits in our communities including energy savings via cooling, shade, oxygen production, air quality improvement, erosion control, noise abatement, and water filtration and purification; and

WHEREAS, nursery plants and landscaping provide habitat for wildlife and pollinators, improvements in the well-being of our citizenry, and community beautification and pride;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, in recognition of their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, January 3, 2018 as

## WISCONSIN NURSERY & LANDSCAPE ASSOCIATION DAY

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 20<sup>th</sup> day of December 2017.

SCOTT WALKER  
GOVERNOR



By the Governor:

  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State