

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, it is recognized that the people of Wisconsin place a high value on the health and quality of our natural resources including both abundant and scarce fish and wildlife and the habitats they depend on for future generations; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's Endangered Resources programs work with individuals, communities, organizations, businesses, and federal, state and local government agencies to identify, protect and manage native plant and animal species; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin has successfully managed the recovery of the Gray Wolf and Bald Eagle, resulting in the state delisting of these species from the endangered and threatened lists; and

WHEREAS, our Endangered Resources programs work to reintroduce and increase populations of rare plants and animals, including the Whooping Crane, Trumpeter Swan, Peregrine Falcon and Karner Blue Butterfly, Blanchard's Cricket Frog and the Prairie White-fringed Orchid; and

WHEREAS, the state and its partners protect endangered plants and animals by ensuring quality habitats on 560 State Natural Areas; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Endangered Resources Program is celebrating the 25th year of the Wisconsin State Income Tax Checkoff and the work that benefits directly from this and other generous donations; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's endangered resources have the support of our citizens who make vital investments in the health and well-being of Wisconsin's environment, economy and quality of life; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Doyle, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim Friday, May 16, 2008 as

WISCONSIN ENDANGERED SPECIES DAY

In the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all citizens;