

# STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

## *Invasions*

*WHEREAS*, millions of dollars, both public and private, are spent each year to control invasive plant and animal species in Wisconsin's waters and wildlands to ensure a viable Wisconsin recreational and tourism industry and to protect economically vital agricultural and forest lands; and

*WHEREAS*, healthy waters, neighborhoods, and wildlands help mitigate the influences of flooding and erosion, water and air pollution, and are threatened by invasive species such as the zebra mussel, garlic mustard, purple loosestrife, birch leaf minor, and the emerald ash borer that compete with and destroy native plants and animals; and

*WHEREAS*, Wisconsin's agricultural and forested land productivity and economic viability are threatened by invasive species, which create overwhelming competition with crops and timber; and

*WHEREAS*, the Wisconsin Invasive Species Council, to which I appoint individuals, works to increase awareness and foster behavioral changes that prevent and control invasive species; and

*WHEREAS*, Invasive Species Action Month provides an opportunity for our state governmental agencies to join forces with business, industry, conservation groups, recreational groups, community organizations, and citizens to take action against the introduction and spread of invasive species; and

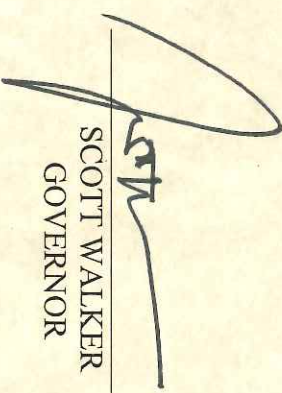
*WHEREAS*, we encourage individuals and public groups to sponsor and participate in activities to help all Wisconsin residents and visitors gain a better understanding of the impact of invasive species on Wisconsin's waters, wildlands, cities, neighborhoods, and agricultural lands;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim June 2018 as

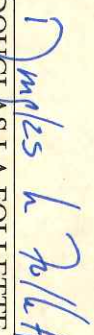
### **INVASIVE SPECIES ACTION MONTH**

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 18<sup>th</sup> day of  
May 2018.

  
SCOTT WALKER  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State