

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; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin's 20 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 40 million tons of cargo valued at more than \$8 billion which generates more than \$1.5 billion in economic activity and almost 10,000 jobs; and

WHEREAS; moving bulk commodities – iron ore, wood pulp, agricultural goods, coal, salt and cement – by water is extremely efficient and environmentally friendly, and Wisconsin's modern port facilities serve as distribution centers linking 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 charter fishing boats, sport fishing, commercial fishing activities and six passenger ferries; and

WHEREAS; the Wisconsin Commercial Ports Association is hosting its annual meeting in Manitowoc on August 17 – 18, 2011;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim the week of August 15 – 21, 2011, 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 4th day of August 2011.


SCOTT WALKER
GOVERNOR

By the Governor


DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State