



### **EXECUTIVE ORDER #18**

#### **Relating to an Affirmation of the Intergovernmental Relationships Among the State of Wisconsin and Tribal Nations Located Within the State**

**WHEREAS**, the State of Wisconsin reaffirms that Tribal Nations have sovereign authority over their members and territory;

**WHEREAS**, treaties, rulings from the Supreme Court of the United States, as well as federal and state laws have established a unique legal relationship between states and Tribal Nations;

**WHEREAS**, there are eleven federally-recognized Tribal Nations within the State of Wisconsin;

**WHEREAS**, state policies, regulations, and decisions impact Tribal Nations both directly and indirectly; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Wisconsin and Tribal Governments both serve our citizens, and close collaboration is essential for productive, safe, sustainable, and wise decision-making and policy implementation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, TONY EVERS**, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the Laws of the State, hereby order each cabinet agency to:

1. Recognize the State of Wisconsin's unique legal relationship with Tribal Nations and engage them with the respect accorded to other governments.
2. Engage Tribal Governments, on a government-to-government basis, in developing policies or programs that directly impact Tribal Nations or their members, and appropriately consult Tribal Governments on matters that may indirectly impact Tribal Nations or their members.
3. Develop an updated consultation policy that does the following:
  - a. Ensures the state government workforce is educated on Tribal Nations and sovereignty;
  - b. Strengthens the day-to-day working relationships between Tribal and state government agencies;
  - c. Provides for at least annual consultation meetings with Tribal and state leaders; and
  - d. Identifies at least one agency staff member to serve as a liaison between the agency and the Tribal Nations.

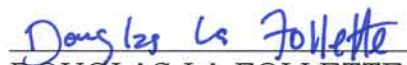
4. Ensure impacted Tribal Governments and interests are represented and respected when managing federal programs.



**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 Executive Residence in the City of Madison this ninth Day of April in the year of two thousand nineteen.

  
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TONY EVERS  
Governor

By the Governor:

  
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DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State