



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

**CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION**

**HONORING**

**BAYFIELD COUNTY**

*WHEREAS*; in 2008, Bayfield County adopted the Wisconsin Public Service Commission's 25 x 25 plan toward the goal of sourcing 25 percent of electricity and 25 percent of transportation fuels from renewable energy sources by the year 2025; and

*WHEREAS*; throughout the past decade, Bayfield County has implemented a wide range of energy conservation, alternate energy, and renewable energy projects designed to reduce the county's energy consumption and carbon footprint in concert with Cheq Bay Renewables; and

*WHEREAS*; in 2018 and 2019, Bayfield County purchased 190 kilowatts from the Xcel Energy Ashland Solar Garden and installed over 140 kilowatts of solar at the Bayfield County Jail and Highway Garage in coordination with Focus on Energy and the Wisconsin State Office of Energy Innovation; and

*WHEREAS*; in 2019, Bayfield County used 986,700 kilowatt-hours of electricity, of which 74% will be carbon-free in 2020, and this year, 2020, Bayfield County has committed to participating in renewable energy programs made available by Xcel Energy and Bayfield Electric in order to reach 100% Carbon-Free Electricity for Bayfield County facilities;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, hereby recognize Bayfield County's community-wide focus on renewable and carbon-free energy production, as well as the progressive mix of renewable and carbon-free energy offered by Bayfield County's utilities.



DONE AT THE CAPITOL IN  
THE CITY OF MADISON THIS  
25<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2020.

TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR