

Document scan on textured paper featuring the following from top to bottom, each section centered on the page:

- “The State of Wisconsin” in an ornate font across the top of the page
- The seal of the state of Wisconsin
- A Bar indicating “Office of the Governor”
- Underlined text indicating “Certificate of Commendation”
- Additional text indicating “Honoring the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands’ State Trust Fund Loan Program 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary”
- A stylized content separation line
- Five paragraphs of left-justified text with “Whereas” in emphasized font, reading:
  - o WHEREAS; established by the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands (BCPL) in 1871, the State Trust Fund Loan Program is celebrating its 150th anniversary this year; and
  - o WHEREAS; for 150 years, the State Trust Fund Loan Program has served as an affordable and accessible source of financing for municipalities and school districts embarking on essential public purpose projects, including everything from roadwork to the construction of new bridges, schools, and municipal building; and
  - o WHEREAS; by offering fixed rate loans with competitive interest rates, and a simple application process with no application fees, prepayment fees, or other fees, the State Trust Fund Loan program is a critical resource for communities across our state, especially as interest earned through the program provides the sole state aid for the purchase of media and resources for every public school library in Wisconsin; and
  - o WHEREAS; the BCPL is one of the largest public investors in our state’s economic development and local infrastructure, and the State Trust Fund Loan Program alone has invested over one billion dollars in those areas and more in just the past decade; and
  - o WHEREAS; on this occasion, the state of Wisconsin joins the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands in recognizing the State Trust Fund Loan Program for its innumerable contributions to our state over the past 150 years, and [obscured text] many more years of success;
- One centered paragraph reading
  - o NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby congratulate the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands’ State Trust Fund Loan Program upon its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and thank everyone involved for their dedicated service to our state.
- A signature block indicating “DONE ON THIS 19<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER 2021, TONY EVERS, GOVERNOR”

A gold seal with a red ribbon behind it near the bottom left corner of the page features an image of a badger beneath “FORWARD” and above “1848” – this obscures some of the text listed above.