2017 Proclamation

Below is the letter that was sent to the Wisconsin governor's office, by the way of the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture contact, to get this year's Wisconsin Emu Week (N.E.W.) proclamation

Christine,

It is time, once again, for the emu farmers of Wisconsin to seek a WISCONSIN EMU WEEK proclamation. We greatly appreciate your help with this annual project.

Below is the information for the Wisconsin emu industry's state proclamation for National Emu Week (N.E.W.), <u>May 6-14, 2017</u>.

If, at all possible, we would like to have the signed proclamation by the end of the 3rd week of April. We will NOT have representatives attending the signing ceremony.

Information on what is taking place throughout the state can be found at the Wisconsin Emu Association website, <u>www.wiea-emu.org</u>. Events are posted at the bottom of the Home Page.

Thank you for all your help. This will be the <u>19th</u> year that we have sought, and hopefully, will once again receive, a Wisconsin proclamation for this emu week event.

Please let me know that you received this e-mail. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Signature Wisconsin Emu Association (WIEA), president www.wiea-aea.org

> NAME ADDRESS PHONE EMAIL

SUGGESTED WORDING FOR 2017 "EMU WEEK" PROCLAMATION:

State of Wisconsin

Proclamation

WHEREAS, The State of Wisconsin is home to many emu farms; and

WHEREAS, the emu has not only adjusted to the state's climate but, is also making a substantial contribution to agricultural endeavors around the state; and

WHEREAS, the emu is environmentally friendly to raise and produces heart-healthy red meat, which has been found - in laboratory studies - to be lower in fat and higher in protein than other alternative red meats, as well as, chicken and turkey, and increases ag's ability to sustain and diversify; and

WHEREAS, the emu produces products that benefit mankind and cannot be duplicated, such as emu oil; and

WHEREAS, emu's hide is soft and supple enough to be popularly used in the fashion industry and by master bootmakers; and

WHEREAS, emu feathers are durable, static free and used in the automotive industry worldwide to dust vehicles before painting: and

WHEREAS, a growing sector of the State of Wisconsin's agricultural economy comes from the efforts and contributions of emu growers, who are involved in raising, processing and marketing emu products, many of whom are members of the Wisconsin Emu Association (WIEA), a non-profit organization whose mission includes encouraging the growth of the emu industry and increasing public understanding of that industry.

Now, therefore, I, the Honorable ______, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim May 6-14, 2017, as

WISCONSIN EMU WEEK

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin, in the City of Madison

This ____ day of _____, 20<u>17</u>.

(SEAL) SIGNED______

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