STATE *of* WISCONSIN

OFFICE *of the* GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; the Great Lakes are a vital resource connecting our state to the nation and the world, and have a profound impact on the economy and quality of life of the state and its harbor towns; and

WHEREAS; the State of Wisconsin recognizes the need to support sustainable economic development in order to enhance ecological, historical, cultural, and recreational opportunities along Lake Michigan's and Lake Superior's coasts; and

WHEREAS; the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program in the Department of Administration, a national leader for 35 years, was the first program on the Great Lakes and among the first ten nationally established through the Coastal Zone Management Act; and

WHEREAS; the partnership between the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program, Wisconsin Coastal Management Council, and the state's harbor towns and coastal communities exemplifies the state's commitment to this unique region; and

WHEREAS; to become better stewards of Wisconsin's coastal resources it is important to promote and encourage access to the Great Lakes for all of the state's residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim the month of September 2013, as

COASTAL AWARENESS MONTH

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 22nd day of August 2013.

SCOTT WALKER
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State