

# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; Lake Michigan and Lake Superior connect Wisconsin to the national and global economy, and have a profound impact on Wisconsin's recreation, tourism, culture, and quality of life; and

*WHEREAS*; the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program in the Department of Administration, a national leader for 36 years, was the first program in the Great Lakes and among the first 10 nationally established through the Coastal Zone Management Act; and

*WHEREAS*; the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program and its Council work collaboratively with the U.S. and Canadian governments, local, tribal, and state agencies as well as private citizens, organizations, and businesses to protect and enhance the Great Lakes; and

*WHEREAS*; estuaries, integral to the State of Wisconsin, are unique coastal environments providing habitat for countless species of fish, shellfish, birds, and marine mammals; and

*WHEREAS*; protecting and restoring our estuaries is vital to our local and national economy because they sustain fisheries, provide outdoor recreation, reduce the costly impacts of natural hazards, and support local jobs; and

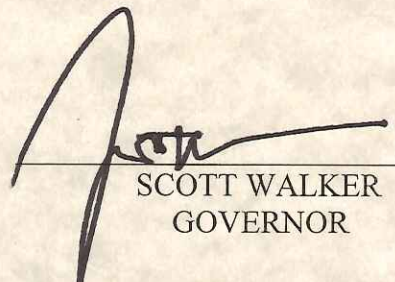
*WHEREAS*; the State of Wisconsin also recognizes and celebrates National Estuaries Week, from September 20 – 27, 2014;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2014, as

## COASTAL AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.

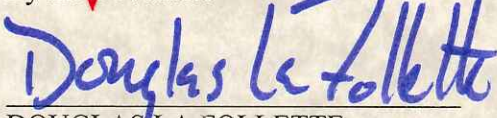
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August 2014.



SCOTT WALKER  
GOVERNOR



By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State