



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

### A PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the State of Wisconsin has recognized in its statutes the value of the state's soil resources and declares the intent to halt the depletion of the state's soil resources and has enacted a soil and water conservation law; and

**WHEREAS**, soil resources of the state are critical to health and welfare of the state's citizens, its recreational resources, agricultural productivity, and industrial base; and

**WHEREAS**, Wisconsin's soil conservation efforts can be enhanced by greater recognition that conserving our soil adds to the health of the land, people, and economy, and

**WHEREAS**, the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service reports that it will complete the Wisconsin Soil Survey in 2006 and the State of Wisconsin supported the soil survey of the state; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin Soil Survey, in the hands of our citizens, can be the catalyst for land use decisions that benefit us all,

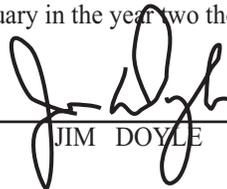
**NOW, THEREFORE, I** Jim Doyle, Governor of the State of Wisconsin do hereby designate **2006** as

### **THE YEAR OF SOIL**

and do hereby urge all residents of Wisconsin, our state's businesses, non-profit organizations, local government agencies, assembly and senate members, schools, universities, and other institutions to support the Year of Soil in their missions and activities.



**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 seventeenth day of January in the year two thousand six

  
JIM DOYLE

By the Governor:

  
DOUGLAS LAFOLLETTE  
Secretary of State