



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER #130**

**Relating to the Governor's Pardon Advisory Board**

**WHEREAS**, Article V, Section 6 of the Wisconsin Constitution vests in the Governor the exclusive and discretionary power to grant reprieves, commutations, and pardons;

**WHEREAS**, a pardon carries a significant impact on an individual by restoring certain rights, providing greater work opportunities, and bestowing an official grant of forgiveness;

**WHEREAS**, I have made it a priority of my Administration to address the profound racial inequities in our State's criminal justice system;

**WHEREAS**, since the Governor's Pardon Advisory Board (Board) was reconstituted on June 12, 2019, I have granted over 260 pardons to individuals who have completed their sentences, paid their debt to society, and contributed positively to our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, I am committed to ensuring more individuals are eligible for a pardon, providing them an opportunity for a second chance at a better life.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, TONY EVERS**, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the Laws of the State, hereby direct:

1. The Chair of the Board, as defined in Section 1 of Executive Order #30, shall have the discretion to forward an application for pardon directly to the Governor with a non-binding recommendation for a pardon, without a hearing or executive action by the Board if all of the following apply:
  - a. The submitted application meets the eligibility requirements and complies with Section 2 of Executive Order #30;
  - b. Sufficient time has elapsed to preclude depreciation of the severity of the applicant's offense or offenses; and
  - c. The eligible offense or offenses were nonviolent.
2. Executive Order #30 shall otherwise remain in full force and effect.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done in the City of Milwaukee this seventh Day of September in the year of two thousand twenty-one.

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TONY EVERS  
Governor

By the Governor:

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DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State