

# *Wisconsin's Declaration of Energy Independence*

Wisconsin has always been an innovative, forward-thinking state that has been a model for the nation. As America confronts a growing energy crisis, Wisconsin should once again lead the way, providing solutions that will help the entire country.

Our vast forests, agricultural legacy, leading research institutions, strong manufacturing base, and hard-working people give Wisconsin a natural advantage in leading the creation of the energy sources and biobased products of tomorrow. Wisconsin can help America do the right thing, and end our country's over-reliance on foreign fossil fuels. Together, as citizens of Wisconsin, we make this declaration: Our state will be the nation's leader in the drive toward energy independence.

- » Together, our goal is to generate 25 percent of Wisconsin's power and 25 percent of our transportation fuel from renewable fuels by 2025.
- » Together, our goal is to capture 10 percent of the market share for the production of renewable energy sources by 2030, helping America kick its addiction to foreign fossil fuels and bringing tens of thousands of new jobs to our citizens.
- » Together, our goal is to become a national leader in groundbreaking research that will make alternative energies more affordable and available to all—and to turn those discoveries into new, high paying jobs right here in Wisconsin.

The energy crunch our nation faces presents Wisconsin not only with a challenge, but an opportunity—and we must seize it. Succeeding in this endeavor will advance our nation's security, preserve our environment, and extend economic prosperity. From state government to the private sector to universities to consumer and environmental organizations and average Wisconsin families, we must—and we will—work together to make Wisconsin the nation's leader in the drive for energy independence.

