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REP. CONLEY: STATEMENT ON STATE OF THE TRIBES ADDRESS

MADISON - Today, President John Johnson Sr. of Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians delivered the 17th annual Wisconsin State of the Tribes address at the Wisconsin State Capitol. Rep. Conley issued the following statement in response:

"Thank you to President Johnson for delivering this year's State of the Tribes address. I was honored to attend this important event, which is an opportunity for Wisconsin's state leaders to hear from a representative of Wisconsin's eleven sovereign tribal nations. The State of the Tribes address is a valued opportunity to strengthen relationships between state and tribal leaders and to identify policies and issues on which we can work together. The eleven sovereign tribal nations in Wisconsin are important partners to our state.

"I particularly appreciated President Johnson's words today on the impact of tribal members and tribal nations throughout the state of Wisconsin, from serving in our nation's military to the tribes' strong response to the COVID-19 pandemic. I was glad to hear about the priorities for Wisconsin's tribal nations, and I also take seriously his comments on the long and often difficult histories of Wisconsin's tribal nations, which inform our relationships and cooperation today. I look forward to working together to build a better future for our environment, future generations and communities."

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