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Rep. Hysell Responds to Annual State of the Tribes Address

MADISON- Today, at the Capitol, Chairman Thomas Fowler of the St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin delivered the annual State of the Tribes address. This address gives the people of Wisconsin the opportunity to understand the challenges faced by the Wisconsin's tribes and to celebrate the year's triumphs.

Rep. Hysell (D- Sun Prairie) released the following statement regarding the address:

"We honor Wisconsin's tribes not only as intergovernmental partners but also as the original occupants of our land. Acknowledging the past and the history of the land we occupy is essential as we work together toward a shared future built on respect and collaboration. The contributions of tribal nations are fundamental to Wisconsin's success as they serve to protect our natural resources and landscapes, as well as play a vital role in our economy.

"Today, we gathered together to celebrate relationships and cultures, and to reaffirm our commitment to listening to and elevating voices that have too often gone unheard. I look forward to continued collaboration with Wisconsin's sovereign tribal nations as we build a stronger future together."

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