

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION

WHEREAS, the Blues have strongly influenced almost all popular music including jazz, country, and rock and roll and continue to help shape music worldwide; and

WHEREAS, on April 15, 2007, Bobby Bryan & The Original Downtown Players won the Wisconsin Blues Challenge, a statewide competition of blues musicians; and

WHEREAS, the Challenge win provides them with the opportunity to compete at the 24th Annual International Blues Challenge in Memphis, TN, January 31 through February 2, 2008, for cash, prizes and industry recognition, including playing at festivals nationwide; and

WHEREAS, each of the 160 competing acts will perform at clubs on Beale Street both January 31 and February 1, for elimination rounds; and

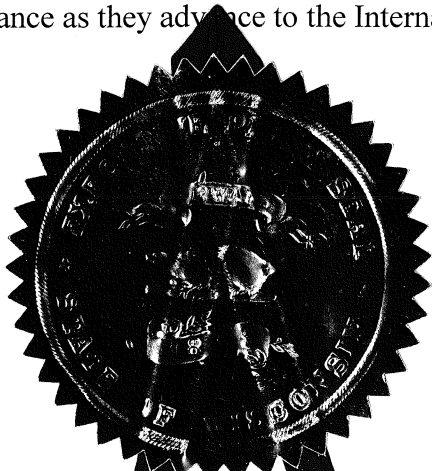
WHEREAS, the final elimination, with ten acts competing, will be held on February 2 at the Orpheum Theater in Memphis which holds 2,300; and

WHEREAS, these unsigned musicians from six continents, 11 countries and 36 states and the District of Columbia are all dedicated to increasing awareness, understanding, and appreciation of Blues music;

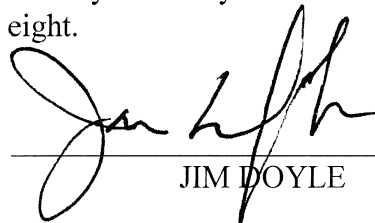
NOW THEREFORE, I, Jim Doyle, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby congratulate

BOBBY BYRAN AND THE ORIGINAL DOWNTOWN PLAYERS

for their statewide championship and extend my best wishes for continued excellence in Blues performance as they advance to the International Blues Challenge.



Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this eighteenth day of January in the year two thousand eight.


JIM DOYLE