

**The Wisconsin soldiers' home The state of Wisconsin By James T. Lewis, Governor.
A proclamation ... Done at the Capitol, in the City of Madison, this 19th day of April,
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five. James T. Lewis.**

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A PROCLAMATION.

The people of Wisconsin are second to none in patriotism or benevolence. No appeal for aid, in any good cause, has ever been made to them in vain. Knowing this fact, I feel that it is only necessary to call their attention to a good work, to insure a proper response.

The many sick and wounded soldiers returning from the field of battle, where they have been disabled while fighting in defense of the nation, and rendered incapable of providing themselves a comfortable subsistence, call loudly for our sympathy and help. They need and deserve a comfortable home and place of rest.

With a view of providing such a home, the Legislature of this State, at its last session, incorporated a benevolent institution to be known as the *Soldiers' Home* located at Milwaukee, and appropriated the sum of five thousand dollars, to aid in its support. Further means are necessary to carry on this good work. To supply them it is proposed to hold a State Fair at Milwaukee, commencing on the 28th day of June next, at which all who desire, may have an opportunity of contributing something to aid the wounded soldier.

I would recommend this enterprise to the people as worthy their aid and support, and trust they will by their attendance, and by contributing liberally of their means which have been protected by the soldier, make the Fair a success, and thus add to the soldiers' comfort.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, in the city of Madison, this 19th day of April, in the year [L. S.] of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five.



JAMES T. LEWIS

By the Governor, LUCIUS FAIRCHILD, Secretary of State.