WHEREAS; lasting from August 2, 1990, to February 28, 1991, the Gulf War was a coalition effort led by the United States against Iraq in response to the occupation of Kuwait; and

WHEREAS; this year marks the 33rd anniversary of Operation Desert Storm, the Gulf War's major combat mission, which began on January 17, 1991; and

WHEREAS; according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, many Gulf War veterans have experienced a wide range of medically unexplained chronic illnesses and symptoms presumptively connected to their service; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in recognizing and honoring those brave members of the U.S. Armed Forces who suffer illnesses as a result of their service in the Gulf War;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim January 17 2024 as

GULF WAR ILLNESSES RECOGNITION DAY

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our state's residents.

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 15th day of December 2023.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State