WHEREAS; more than 12,000 school bus drivers in the state of Wisconsin travel more than 144 million miles a year to safely transport hundreds of thousands of students to and from school every day; and

WHEREAS; drivers, managers, and operators of school buses practice and promote the highest standards to guarantee the protection of their passengers; and

WHEREAS; in addition to transporting students to and from school, drivers are tasked with the important responsibilities of vehicle maintenance and cleanliness, keeping bus order, assisting students with specialized needs, and ensuring student safety; and

WHEREAS; the Wisconsin School Bus Association, through its board of directors, pledges its full and dedicated cooperation with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Safety, Division of Motor Vehicles, and State Patrol, as well as the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, schools, law enforcement agencies, parent-teacher associations, CESAs, and other organizations across the state in promoting public awareness of the importance of school bus transportation; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in thanking school bus drivers, managers, and operators across the state for the critically important work they do to ensure Wisconsin's students have a safe and reliable way to get to and from school every day;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim February 12 through 16 2024 as

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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 2024.	at the Capit	ol in the City	of Madison th	is 5th day of	f February
TONY EVERS, Governor					
By the Governor:					
SARAH GODLEWSKI Secretary	of State				