WHEREAS; music therapy is the clinical, evidence-based use of the nonverbal, creative, and emotional qualities of music and musical elements to promote and maintain an individual's health and wellness; and

WHEREAS; music therapists in Wisconsin strive to provide music therapy services that are effective in restoring, maintaining, and improving the mental, emotional, cognitive, social, and physical well-being of individuals across the state; and

WHEREAS; music therapy is uniquely tailored to each individual's needs and experiences and may involve singing, playing instruments, writing or listening to music, or discussing musical meaning; and

WHEREAS; professional music therapy organizations in Wisconsin are committed to community involvement, service, and education, as well as to advancing music therapy as a professional discipline, standardizing assessment and therapeutic techniques, and documenting and implementing peer review for professional quality assurance; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins music therapy organizations, providers, and patients around the state in raising awareness of the potential health benefits of music therapy for all Wisconsinites;

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

MUSIC THERAPY MONTH

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 2nd day of February 2024.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State