WHEREAS; the Medal of Honor is the highest award for bravery and courage in combat across all branches of the United States military; and

WHEREAS; following legislation passed by Congress and signed by President Abraham Lincoln, the first six Medals of Honor were awarded on March 25, 1863; and

WHEREAS; in the 162 years since the Medal of Honor was created, fewer than four thousand individuals—including more than 60 Wisconsinites—have received this prestigious honor; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin honors all recipients of the Medal of Honor for their service, sacrifice, valor, and heroism in combat;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim March 25 2025 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 2025.	e at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 14th day of March
TONY EVERS, Governor	
By the Governor:	1
SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary	y of State