WHEREAS; recognized annually on April 9, each year, Prisoners of War (POW) Remembrance Day honors the immense sacrifices of service members who suffered captivity in foreign countries while on active service with the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin commends the profound courage and determination of all active service members and veterans and honors the remarkable bravery and resilience of POW service members as well as the sacrifices of their family members, friends, and loved ones; and

WHEREAS; this occasion is an opportunity for individuals across the state to reflect on the tremendous heroism of POW service members who have sacrificed greatly in defense of the freedoms and values Wisconsinites and Americans hold dear; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins veterans service organizations across the state and country, along with the families and friends of POW service members, in recognizing their sacrifices, honoring their service, and remembering those who suffered and made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their country;

> NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim April 9 2024 as

PRISONERS OF WAR REMEMBRANCE 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 5th day of April 2024.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State